

AVON NEWSLETTER AND SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTORY - 2013

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 in the Avon Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. Caucus Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the same evenings as regular meetings.

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 15th. Badges will be sold in the Borough Office beginning May 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the beach on weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend and everyday beginning June 15th. The beach is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Projects: 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION

Jeff Bramhall, CPWM/CRP, Superintendent

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avondpw@aol.com

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

Holiday Pick-Up for Trash: Memorial Day: Fri., May 24th & Tues., May 28th

Fourth of July: Fri., July 5th

Labor Day: Fri., Aug. 30th & Tues., Sept. 3rd

ALL GARBAGE MUST BE IN CANS WITH LIDS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE!

NOTICE: GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CANS MUST **NOT** BE OVER 32 GALLONS IN SIZE. OVERSIZED CANS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. As per Ord. 107-7.A

Recycling pick-up is on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month for the entire town.

Put your recyclables out the night before - the men start early in the morning. Your recyclables must be in the lane and separate from trash cans or, if you are a walk-in, put at the curb in proper containers where they are easily seen. Please remove lids on collection day. 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. Newspapers must be tied in bundles. We do not pick up residential cardboard, junk mail or magazines. Please bring cardboard, junk mail and magazines to the recycling center. The cardboard must be broken down and tied in bundles. We pick up cardboard from businesses only. 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 and newspapers, cardboard and junk mail. 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 THINGS OUTSIDE THE GATE!

MIXED PAPER RECYCLING: You can bring mixed paper to the drop off site. This is voluntary only and there will be **NO** curbside pick-up. Mixed paper and Newspaper **can not** be mixed together. The following outlines the DO's and DON'T's:

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR MIXED PAPER: Magazines/Catalogs, Books (Hard Covers Removed), Junk Mail, Construction Paper, Envelopes with or without windows, Phone Books, Wrapping Paper (non-metallic), NCR (carbonless copy) paper, Letterhead/Colored & White Copy Paper, Fax Paper/Computer Paper, Chipboard (e.g. cereal boxes).

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR MIXED PAPER: Newsprint, Corrugated Cardboard, Blueprints, Brown Paper Bags, Carbon Paper, Napkins, Tissues & Paper Towels.

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.

Paint and hazardous waste: Paint can only be put out with your regular trash if it is completely dried out and the lids are removed. All other paint and hazardous materials must be taken to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. Please call 732-922-2234 for appointments and directions. **DO NOT BRING PAINT OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD.**

Do not bring trash or bulk items to the Borough yard! It will be picked up curbside or lane. Please notify Public Works ahead of time.

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.

AVON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Doug Carter, Director

732-502-4517 or avonrec@optonline.net

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 2–10 will have a fun run on Friday, May 31st at 6:00 p.m. at Norwood and Ocean Avenues. Registration forms are available online at www.avonschool.com or contact Brigid Magrini at 732-775-2912. Race day registration will be held 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 thru May 1 and \$12 after May 1. This event is sponsored by the Avon Home and School Association.

AVON DAY 5K RACE: The 18th Annual Avon 5K Run / Walk will be held on Saturday, June 1st. This race benefits the Avon First Aid & Safety Squad. Register online at www.jerseyrunner.com or pick up a form at the Avon Borough office. Early number and shirt pickup at the Avon First Aid building (520 Main Street) on Wed, 5/29 and Thurs, 5/30 (5-7pm). Late registration / shirt pickup at the Avon Pavilion (Ocean and Norwood Avenues) on Fri, 5/31 (6-8pm) and Sat, 6/1 (7-8:30am). For additional information go to Face Book 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 21	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Avon Municipal Gym
Thursday, May 23	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 (last game is Saturday, October 26th). 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.

TENNIS LESSONS: Tennis lessons will be offered in June only. The cost is \$35.00 per child per week. Lessons will be offered as follows:

<i>Level</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Time</i>
Beginner (Grades 2-4)	June 17 - 21	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Advanced (Grades 5-8)	June 17 - 21	6:00 – 7:00 pm

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 1 st Wednesday - July 3 rd Friday - July 5 th
Ages 10 and up	Tuesday – July 2 nd Thursday – July 4 th Friday – July 5 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.

DRESS DESIGN / SEWING CLASS: Girls in sixth grade up through adults will learn to design and sew in this seven week program. Classes will start the week of June 24, and will be held at the Avon Elementary School. Students will register for either the Thursday or Friday class from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The program will conclude with the girls / ladies modeling their work on Sunday, August 18th at our fashion show. Registration fee is \$60 plus the cost of materials, as required (maximum nine students per class). Sewing machines will be provided.

YOGA: Morning yoga with the teachers of Yoga Anjali on the East End Avenue beach starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Classes are 7:30-8:45am. Evening Yoga will Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Fee is \$15 per class. Bring a beach blanket or towel.

SUMMER CAMP RECREATION PROGRAM: The Neptune City Board of Recreation is once again inviting children of Avon (between 5 and 12 years old) to participate in their annual summer camp program. If interested, contact the Neptune City Board of Recreation at 732-774-0089.

JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM: Friends of Belmar Harbor (FOBH) are working with the town of Belmar on needed repairs to the floating dock, grounds and facility. They are hopeful that the program will return this summer. For updates, please visit their website at www.fobhnj.org.

GREAT OCEAN RAFT RACE: The 2012 Great Ocean Raft Race winning team, The Training Room has set the bar for this year's competition. The event is set for Monday, August 5th (rain date Monday, August 12th). For rules and registration, go to www.avonbytheseanj.com or email avonrec@optonline.net. Please note that all participants must be at least 15 years old. **Entries must be received by July 15!** *Only competitors who turn in entry form and fees by 7/15/12 are guaranteed a Great Ocean Raft Race shirt!*

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 12 noon 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 29th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at The Spring Lake Manor. For more information contact Pam Carter at 732-502-4517 or avonrec@optonline.net.

BOARDWALK CONCERTS

Woodland Avenue Boardwalk 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 patience as we work to restore the Avon Pavilion.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Concert</i>	<i>Dates</i>
TUESDAY	Nicole and Denise	7/9, 7/16, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27
THURSDAY	Jimmy Byrne	7/4 <i>(sponsored by Elise Gallagher with Ward Wight Sotheby's)</i>
THURSDAY	Creative Experience (7:00 – 8:30pm)	7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29
FRIDAY	Ragtimers	7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
SATURDAY	Full of It	7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24 <i>(sponsored by the Avon Pavilion)</i>

ART SHOW: There will be no Art Show scheduled for August. However, the Manasquan River Group of Artists plan to return to Avon in 2014.

BOARDWALK CRAFT FAIR: This year's Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th (rain date July 14th) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and is sponsored by the Avon Garden Club. For additional information, email at vadehan@optonline.net.

AVON BY THE SEA MUNICIPAL POOL

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

The Avon Pool is open from June 15 through September 2, 2013 *(Father's Day weekend to Labor Day)*

Pool Hours of Operation:

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Family Swim: Wed. 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm & Sat. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (weather permitting)

Lap Swim: Sat. and Sun. 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Season Badge Fees: Resident fee / Non-resident fee, respectively

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 21	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 23	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 all Swim Lessons will be in person at the pool starting June 15 during pool hours only

Session I	June 24 – June 27	July 1 – July 4
Session II	July 8 – July 11	July 15 – July 18
Session III	July 22 – July 25	July 29 – August 1
Session IV	August 5 – August 8	August 12 – August 15

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 Monday, June 17. 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 Monday, July 1st 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 8. All participants will be required to purchase a group swim suit. Water Ballet registration is \$40.

AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY - 5th & Garfield Aves

732 502-4525 avonlibrary@optonline.net

Sheila M. Watson MLS Library Director

Summer Hours: June 10-September 9 – 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Closed on Saturday during the summer.

Dig into Wildlife: July 3rd 1:00 pm. Location pending. Live animal show featuring animals that live underground.

Friends of the Library Annual Book sale: July 13th & 14th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Set up on Friday July 12th. This year we plan to be at the Beachfront. 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! If you have books to donate please call the library for an appointment to drop books off at our new shed located on the library lawn. The library would like thank Bea Murday for all of her service to the library as a Board Member and as the President of the Friends of the Library.

Story hour for 4-7 year olds Tuesday at 10:00 am July 10th-August 14th

Story hour for 18months -3 years Wednesday at 10:00 am July 11th – August 15th

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. 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 the connection reaches Fifth Avenue so you may access the Internet during off hours. Please visit our website for new programs and updates.

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

E-mail: avontaxandws@aol.com

2ND Quarter Taxes will be due May 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

Water Bills will be due **Apr. 1st & June 1st**. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

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

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

732-774-1619, www.avonbytheseahistory.org

T-Shirt Art Contest & Trivia Contest: 6th thru 8th grade Avon School students on Friday, May 17th at 9:30 am the Municipal Building.

Golf Outing: The Russ Hinman Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 17th at Jumping Brook Country Club. Golf registration forms will be available at Bing's Deli and Borough Office lobby entrance. For more information, contact 732-774-1619 or go to our website.

July 3rd Patriotic Celebration: at 6:00pm in front of the Municipal Building. There will be the reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic music and singing. New this year is the best decorated 4th of July independence hat. There will also be prizes for the best decorated bike and wagon. In case of inclement weather the events will take place inside the Municipal Building. For more information contact the Historical Society or go to our website.

AVON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Terence P. Mahon, Chief of Police
(732) 502-4500 www.avonpd.org

Currently, our dispatching is 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, and if you request to speak to a specific officer that is not on duty when you call, they will put you through to the voicemail system. You may leave a message for any officer, but must realize they may not be scheduled to return to work for a few days.

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 this system is not working properly, please contact Chief Terence Mahon to report the issue.

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 step by step. 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>

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

1. **Borough Ordinance 64-12:** Dogs are not permitted on the boardwalk at any time (provided there is a boardwalk there). 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 dogs.
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, & 35 MPH from October until May.
- 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 any of the **FEDERAL HOLIDAYS**.
 - 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 will change 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 contact police headquarters @ (732) 502-4500 if you have any questions, or check out our webpage at www.avonpd.org. Each officer has an email link on the web page, so you may contact the officers via email as well.

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

Avon-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 manufactures 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
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. The following are some helpful websites that relate to the storm:

FEMA Region II Advisory Base Flood Elevation Maps and Flooding Information:
<http://www.region2coastal.com/>

FEMA Sandy Information:
<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4086>

State of New Jersey Sandy Information:

http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/programs/sandy_recovery.html

Monmouth County Sandy Information:

<http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=3175>

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 and providing your contact information including home and cell phone numbers to ensure that you are informed of important information.

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

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.

FLOODS HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

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

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

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

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

Flood Safety: The safety of your family is of the utmost importance! To be well informed about an approaching storm, keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station, as listed above and follow all emergency instructions. **IF EVACUATION IS ORDERED, DO SO IMMEDIATELY; DON'T WAIT!** In the event of a storm warning or advisory, immediately

bring outdoor furniture and other possessions inside or tie them down securely. Be sure you have a full tank of gasoline and stock the car with nonperishable canned goods, with a can opener, a container of water, a first aid kit and any special medication needed by the family. If time permits, turn off the main power switch and shut off the main gas valve.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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