

AVON NEWSLETTER AND SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTORY - 2015

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 13th. Badges will be sold in the Borough Office beginning May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the beach on weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend and everyday beginning June 20th. The beach is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

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 22nd & Tues., May 26th

Fourth of July: No Change

Labor Day: Fri., Sept. 4th & Tues., Sept. 8th

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.

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

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 (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!**

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.

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 2–11 (or grade 5) will have a fun run on Friday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Norwood and Ocean Avenues. Forms are available online at www.avonschool.com. Race day registration will be held 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$12 thru May 1 and \$14 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 nmagrini3@verizon.net with questions.

AVON DAY 5K RACE: The 20th Annual Avon 5K Run / Walk will be held on Saturday, May 30th 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, 5/27 and Thurs, 5/28 (5-7pm). Late registration / shirt pickup at the Avon Pool (Ocean and Norwood Avenues) on Fri, 5/29 (6-8pm) and Sat, 5/30 (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 19	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Avon Municipal Gym Conference Room
Thursday, May 28	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	

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.

TENNIS LESSONS: Tennis lessons will be offered as a five week session on Wednesday’s. The cost is \$35.00 per child for the session. Lessons will be held on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 13.

<i>Level</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Time</i>
Beginner (Grades 2-4)	June 17 - 21	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Advanced (Grades 5-8)	June 17 - 21	5:00 – 6:00 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 6 th Wednesday - July 8 th Friday - July 10 th
Ages 10 and up	Tuesday – July 7 th Thursday – July 9 th Friday – July 10 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.

BASKETBALL CLINIC: Basketball clinics will be held for Grades 1 through 8 from July 13th – July 24th, Monday through Friday in the morning. Schedule and details not yet finalized.

YOGA: Yoga on the Beach at the East End Avenue beach starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Weekends in June and then everyday starting in Monday, 6/29 at 7:30 a.m. Look for the "Carmel by the Sea Yoga" sign. Bring a large towel, blanket and water!!! By Donation!

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.

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 27th from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at The Spring Lake Manor. For more information email at 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 cooperation.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Concert</i>	<i>Dates</i>
TUESDAY	Nicole and Denise	7/7, 7/14, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18
TUESDAY	The Rose Trio	To be confirmed: 7/21, 7/28
THURSDAY	Erich The DJ Guy (7:00 – 8:30pm)	7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20
FRIDAY	Ragtimers	7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21
SATURDAY	Full of It	7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 <i>(sponsored by the Avon Pavilion)</i>

ART SHOW: This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th (rain date August 16th), and is held on the boardwalk from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (only fine art / originals and prints – no photography). For additional information please contact Donna Ferrante at 732-449-7651 (donna@jerseyshoreartists.com) or Mary Monagle at 732-449-7089 (profmona@yahoo.com).

BOOK FAIR: The annual Book Fair is scheduled for Friday, July 10th, Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th 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 11th (rain date July 12th) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and is sponsored by the Avon Garden Club. For additional information, email avongardens@optonline.net.

AVON BY THE SEA – BEACH 2015

JUNIOR GUARDS

Dates: Monday and Wednesday starting June 24 until Monday August 3
11 sessions (no session Monday July 6th)
Time: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach
Ages: 8 to 16
Cost: \$100 per person
Tournaments: 5 Intra – Town Tournaments on Thursday's
(*sessions / tournaments are not mandatory*)
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 5th
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach

JERSEY SHORE LIFEGUARD RELAYS (Avon Lifeguard Tournament)

Date: Thursday, July 9th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach

AVON RUN-SWIM-RUN

Date: Sunday, July 12th
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 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 20 through September 7, 2015 (*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 20	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 22	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 20 during pool hours only

Session I	June 22 – June 25	June 29 – July 2
Session II	July 6 – July 9	July 13 – July 16
Session III	July 20 – July 23	July 27 – July 30
Session IV	August 3 – August 6	August 10 – August 13

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 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 Monday, June 29. 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 5. 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 8-September 14 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Closed on Saturday during the summer.

Special Program – Nature’s Heroes: We plan to be at the beachfront. Live animal show featuring Superhero Animals!

Friends of the Library Annual Book sale: July 10th from 12:00 N – 4:00 pm. July 11th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. July 12th from 8:00 am – 12:00 N.

Set up on Friday July 10th. 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! **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 10:00 am, July 8th – August 12th. 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, 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 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

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

Terence P. Mahon, Chief of Police

(732) 502-4500, Fax (732) 775-8618

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>

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 questions 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, & 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 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 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 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 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

Judge Alfred J. D'Auria
Court Administrator Kelly Barrett
732-775-1690
Court Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Avon Court sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Court sessions are held in the Neptune City Courtroom, located at 106 West Sylvania Avenue, Neptune City.

Judge D'Auria would like to remind everyone that angle parking begins on May 1st. Please be mindful of the many bike riders and people on rollerblades when you are backing out of these spaces. Have a safe and enjoyable summer season.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. Connor's inspections can be scheduled Monday, 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 avonboro@optonline.net or Rich at code.avonbythesea@gmail.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 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 732-774-1619
www.avonbytheseahistory.org

Historical House Recognition Program: Date to be announced. Recipients will be presented with circa “1800” plaques at town meeting.

Avon School Program: Essay awards – 8th grade Graduation, June 18th.

Annual Fundraiser: The Russ Hinman Memorial Golf classic fundraiser will take place on **THURSDAY**, June 25th at Jumping Brook Country Club. 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.

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.

AVON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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As part of National Financial Literacy Month, FEMA and Operation HOPE updated the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) to guide families with financial preparedness steps to assist with disaster recovery. These steps include ensuring there is adequate insurance, a plan to pay bills, and an alternate way to access financial and personal records.

The EFFAK can be used to identify important documents, medical records, and household contracts. When completing the kit, include pictures or a video of the home and belongings, and store these items in a safe place. Storing critical documents is also one of the ten ways to participate in America’s PrepareAthon! Participants can register these actions on the campaign website at: www.community.fema.gov/

The 2015 EFFAK is available in English, Spanish, and reader enabled English version that can be filled out online. More information about the EFFAK and other tools that can be used to prepare finances is available online at: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/96123

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: shoreareaens.onthealert.com and providing your contact information including home and cell phone numbers to ensure that you are informed of important information. We now have a link on the Borough website on the home page.

Avon Flood Map Services: The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood protection references are available at the Avon Public Library. You can also visit the Office of Emergency Management or Building Department Borough Hall to see if you are in a mapped

floodplain. If so, we can give you more information, such as depth of flooding over a building's first floor and past flood problems in the area.

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 mitigation techniques that can be used to 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!