



The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NOT A REPORT GIVEN EACH MONTH

May 2010 – See May 2010 paper.

March 2010 - The Avalon Police Department plans to kick off a bicycle registration program at the Community Connections event in April. This will be a free and voluntary program that will simply require the registrant to fill out a form for the police who will then provide a numbered sticker for placement on the bike. The idea is that if the bike is stolen and is recovered by the police they can return it to the owner. This is part of a campaign to reduce the number of thefts in the Borough.

An Open House of the new Public Safety building will be held on Saturday, May 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A bike auction will be conducted at the Borough Public Works after the Open House.

Chief Dean has stated "AHLOA has been an invaluable partner to the APD and our efforts over the years, and we truly appreciate it."

Dec 2009 - A letter has been received from the Chief to indicate that there will be enforcement of the ordinances against bike riding on sidewalks in the business district. Notice will be put on the web site and in the newsletter.

The recommendation that bike racks be placed at street ends at the boardwalk is being considered by the Administrator.

Oct 2009 - A comprehensive report was received from Police chief David Dean. In summary, in 2008 247 crimes were documented in Avalon, of which 245 were thefts and vandalism. 179 of the 245 were thefts of unlocked bikes and items stolen from unsecured cars, sheds and homes. 72% could have been prevented by the most basic security measures. The Chief has embarked on a public relations campaign to re-educate the public on the need to lock up and reduce the preventable crimes in the town.

July 2009 -The Police Chief has indicated that the Fourth of July holiday was one of the busiest ever. Taxis, bar vans, limos and the trolley have cut down on drinking and driving problems. The extra police hired this year have been extremely valuable. The ambulance corps was swamped with rescues. Most of the injuries were the result of apparently irrational behavior. Lifeguards encountered few problems.

May 2009 - Discussions with the Captain of the Beach Patrol indicated:

- As a result of dredging and subsequent beach filling holes have been created that could cause swimming hazards at 15th and 18th Streets.
- It is expected that enough guards will be hired. Job fairs are used to hire personnel. A lifeguard test will be held on June 6. Junior guards always work with a senior guard. Lifeguard races are a big factor in keeping and recruiting guards.
- Few requests are received for restrooms. People are directed to the Community Hall and playground area.



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- New, lighter lifeguard stands are being built and should be in use by the Memorial Day weekend.

March 2009 - A summary was given of the current staffing level in the Police Department – 21 full time, 17 in training for the summer including 4 lifeguards as Class I officers.

Bike safety literature was initially given out, now citations are being issued. Bike safety pamphlets will again be given out this year. There have been fewer bike thefts. There will be an hourly rotation on the boardwalk. The biggest seasonal problem has been noise and general rowdiness due to alcohol. There is a concern as to the content of the enforcement rules for outdoor music