



AHLOA NEWS

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AHLOA Membership Survey

One holder of a liquor license in Avalon has applied for a waiver of the prohibition against outside music during business hours. The membership was surveyed regarding this proposal, and over 50% of you responded. A report is being prepared for publication in the next Newsletter and for presentation to Borough Council.

Avalon Free Public Library

The Avalon Free Public Library (AFPL) has again exceeded all expectations by substantially surpassing previous circulation and number of patron goals. In 2008, circulation grew to over 130,000 check outs and more than 1,500 new patrons. It continues to be the focal point of the community by adding exciting new programs to enhance the intellectual and cultural life of Avalon and the surrounding Cape May County.

The "Library by Mail" program has proven to be very successful as our non-resident homeowners utilize the library year round. Our weekend patrons like being able to check out material, take it home, and return it in a library mail bag at no cost to them.

The Bay-Atlantic Symphony will return for its third season of Symphony-by-the-Sea with two full concerts. Mark your calendar for the Saturdays of July 18th and August 22nd.

Avalon History Center

The Avalon Free Public Library History Center Joseph Angemi, the new director of the History Center, recently presented his vision of its future at the December 13th AHLOA member meeting. His new approach will enable Avalon to experience its history in an exciting new way. The Avalon Historical Society, as a non-profit organization, will now be able to concentrate its efforts on fundraising, programming, and collection development and preservation.

The Historical Center will serve as an informational and cultural gateway to Avalon for all residents and visitors. Visitors will explore Avalon's past, present, and future in visually exciting, intellectually accessible, and emotionally evocative exhibits and public programs. Also in the making are a circulating book collection, computer work stations, and patron access to *Genealogy.com*.

Currently, a natural history exhibit of Avalon's place as a barrier island is being created. The exhibit will include taxidermy objects, faux plant life, early 20th century fishing gear, and signage detailing the growth and change of a barrier island.

Also in the works is a conservation project on a 1930's era hollow core lifeguard surfboard. This very unique object will be getting a facelift to restore its structural integrity and aesthetic quality. If any interested parties want to add insight, contributions, or have general questions feel free

to contact the Director/Curator, Joseph Angemi Jr. at the Center on 39th Street, or by phone at 609-976-0090.

Avalon Beaches

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has started to place approximately 140,000 tons of sand on the north end beaches between 10th and 18th Streets to repair damage sustained from storms in the last year. The purpose is to protect the dunes, and the properties behind them, to construct a beach area and to rebuild beach access paths in the area. Sixty-five percent of the cost is from federal funds, the remainder from the State and Borough.

The Borough will add an additional.

Beach Tags

Beach tags will be available from the booth at Community Hall on week ends from April 11 and daily from April 25. Tags purchased pre-season (before May 31) cost \$19; after that date the cost is \$24, weekly tags (Saturday through Saturday) are \$12 and daily tags are \$6. There is reciprocity between Avalon and Stone Harbor.

Public Access Channel

Avalon is leading the way with the creation of a new Channel 2 public access channel that will launch before the summer season.

Avalon Public Information Officer Scott Wahl is spearheading a project that will totally revamp Channel 2 public access program. Avalon is taking the lead on a project that will also involve Stone Harbor and Sea Isle City. All three communities will be sharing time on the television station.

"We are very exciting about this project", Wahl said. "For the first time, local communities will control the product that is aired on Channel 2. There will be much more information offered that will be relevant to both the home owner and the visitor".

All three communities will be able to control their own air time and present information in a very professional manner. The television channel will also include weather updates, tidal information, and full-form video of important events in the community. Each community will be given two, ten minute segments per hour to present their information.

Look for the launch of the brand new Channel 2 in late winter or early spring, 2009.

Repairs to Ocean and Dune Drives

Cape May County has started work on major repairs to the portion of Ocean Drive between 14th to 29th Streets. The work includes revamping of the drainage system, rebuilding curbs and rebuilding the road bed.

In addition the Borough has started work on the southbound lanes of Dune Drive between 8th and 19th Streets.

All work will be completed before the summer season begins.

Back Bay Dredging

By the time you read this Newsletter dredging of Long Reach and Whale Reach will have been completed. Individual property owners in the area were notified and while they would be responsible for the costs of dredging their docks, necessary permits were included in those for the overall project.

AHLOA Community Connections Program

This first Communications Program was carried out in April 2008 and proved to be very successful. The second annual Program is again

planned for April 11, 2009 in the Community Hall, 30th and First Avenue. The format will be the same as last year with various non-profit organizations having information tables. A list of "hot topics" is being developed and presentations will be made.

Dates to note on your calendar:

Saturday, April 11 – AHLOA Second Annual Community Connections Program, Community Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 – All- Avalon Yard Sale

Monday, May 11 – Bulk trash collection. Items that **will not** be picked up include **construction materials, and hazardous materials (such as propane tanks, waste oil, oil-based paints, batteries and tires, etc.)**

Saturday, July 18 - Bay Atlantic Symphony Concert.

Saturday, August 22 – Bay Atlantic Symphony Concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Organization	Day	Time	Location
Council Work Sessions	1st & 2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Regular Council Meeting	2nd Wednesday	Following Work Session	Borough Hall
Regular Council Meeting	4 th Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Planning/Zoning Board	1st & 2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Environmental Commission	3rd Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
AHLOA General Meeting	2nd Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Center
AHLOA Annual Meeting	2nd Saturday in August	9:30 a.m.	Community Hall
Chamber of Commerce	1st Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	As announced
Community Library Board	2 nd Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Library Meeting Room
Avalon Lions Club	1st & 3rd Thursdays	As announced	As announced
Avalon Civic Club	4th Monday (April-Oct.)	12:30 p.m.	Community Hall
Avalon Garden Club	3rd Tuesday (Sept.-June)	9:30 a.m.	Community Hall
Avalon Senior Citizens	2nd Tuesday (Sept.-June)	12 Noon	As announced
American Legion	2 nd Monday	8:00 p.m.	Legion Hall (Stone Harbor)
Avalon Board of Education	3 rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School General Purpose Room