



AHLOA NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE AHLOA PRESIDENT

During the two blizzards that occurred in February, the Mayor, Council, Administrator, Borough employees and volunteers, acted as a well-coordinated group of professionals to assure essential services remained in place and emergency services were made available in a most timely fashion.

Advance preparation, foresight, smooth execution, and outstanding communication all came together to make what had the potential to unfold in tragedy, into merely an unavoidable inconvenience.

The roads were plowed expeditiously throughout the storms by our Public Works. Those residing in Avalon who lost power were checked on by Police, Fire and EMT personnel to assure their safety and to provide shelter as needed. Emergency communications kept both permanent and part time residents informed in many ways. Continuous interaction with Atlantic City Electric produced rapid and positive response to the myriad of power outages that occurred.

Each and every Borough official, worker, and volunteer worked unimaginable hours to mitigate the effects of the storm, to assure the safety of residents and their properties, and to rapidly return our town to normalcy. We are very thankful for the professionalism and dedication that was displayed when the chips were down, and fully recognize our good-fortune to be home and landowners in such a well run town.

Michael Matt
AHLOA President

MAKE SURE YOU ARE PART OF GLOBAL CONNECT/REVERSE 911 PHONE SYSTEM

The Borough of Avalon offers a free "Reverse 911" phone alert system for emergency management purposes. The Borough will initiate a telephone call to your home phone, cell phone, or both to alert you about emergency situations, including stormy weather. Here are some helpful tips on how you can make sure you are on the Global Connect contact list!

If you are a Verizon phone customer, you

are already in the system. Every week, Verizon updates the telephone database of all phone numbers in Avalon that begin with "967" and "368". However, if you are a customer of Comcast telephone, or another provider, you must enter your phone number into the Global Connect system. And, if you would like to add your cellular phone number into the system, that has to be entered manually as well. It takes less than a minute!

Visit <http://www.avalonboro.org/911> and you will find the page for Global Connect. Enter in the appropriate information. Helpful tip: do not use "-" in the phone number you enter. For instance, enter in 6099671234 rather than 609 967-1234. Enter the code at the bottom, and hit enter. You are registered with Global Connect.

At times, residents have accidentally deleted their own numbers from the Global Connect database. If you accidentally hit *7 at any time during a Global Connect call, you are deleting your phone number from the system.

If you have any questions, please email Scott Wahl, Public Information Officer for the Borough of Avalon, at swahl@avalonboro.org, or call him directly at (609) 967-7057.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT, SATURDAY, April 10, 2010

Avalon residents and visitors are invited to the *Third Annual COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS* event at the Community Hall, 30th and the Beach, on Saturday, April 10, 2010. This "Community Connections" day enables residents to meet with local borough officials and 30+ community service organizations in a casual setting to learn more about them, and to pick up 2010 event calendars.

This Community Connections event encourages residents and property owners to hear Avalon officials talk about some "Hot Topics" in town, including the status of Avalon's beach replenishment, the Dune Vegetation Management Plan, Avalon's Green Team Programs, new offerings for the Avalon Free Public Library and the Avalon Performing Arts Council, and, much more.

Avalon Mayor Martin Pagliughi, council members, the Environmental Commission members and Avalon's Green Team will be present to converse with residents interested in specific issues.

To optimize the listening environment for the "Hot Topics" presentations, the Recreation Department will divide Community Hall to handle the organizations' area and the "Hot Topics" presentations. This year the Hall will open from **9:30 – 10:30 am for the "Hot Topics" presentations**. The organization tables will welcome residents and provide information about available services, cultural events and environmental opportunities for saving money 10:30 through noon.

AHLOA is asking participants to bring a canned or dry foods donation for the food banks in Cape May County.

BOROUGH WIDE YARD SALE

16th ANNUAL AVALON BOROUGH WIDE
YARD SALE

MAY 8, 2010...RAIN OR SHINE

At this time the Chamber of Commerce is closed for the winter, however, applications to participate in the sale can be picked up at Community Hall, real estate offices, the Library, Sturdy Bank and AFTER April 1 at the Chamber of Commerce. Also the application will be on line on the AGC web site. Checks can be sent to AGC, PO Box 43, Avalon, NJ 08202 before April 1.

Yard sale authorization posters, which are required for participation, can be picked up after April 1 at the Chamber of Commerce, and of course payments can be made there too after that date.

BEACH TAGS

Beach tags will be available from the booth at Community Hall on week ends from April 3 and daily from May 1. Tags purchased pre-season (before May 31) cost \$20; after that date the cost is \$25, weekly tags (Saturday through Saturday) are \$12 and daily tags are \$6. There is reciprocity of beach tags between Avalon and Stone Harbor.

AVALON BEACHES

Avalon Borough Council has formally awarded a contract for an emergency beach fill project that will be conducted in the resort to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, which was the low bidder for the project.

An agreement between Avalon and Sea Isle City will result in shared mobilization costs and each community will pay for the sand that is pumped onto their local beaches.

Avalon's beach fill will total about 500,000 cubic yards of sand and will stretch from 9th Street south to 26th Street. The emergency beach fill project will be carried out this spring, and will be completed before the heart of the summer tourism season.

Both communities have applied for necessary permits from state and federal agencies for the project to move forward. Since FEMA does not fund repairs to federal

beach projects that fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Avalon and Sea Isle City will finance the cost of the beach fill project with local dollars and, will seek reimbursement as the project proceeds.

TRASH

In keeping with AHLOA'S plan to develop certain strategic initiatives this year, one such area is residential trash and recycling. The committee assigned to this task has met and identified goals, consistent with AHLOA'S mission, and has devised strategies to address the goals. The mission is from the By Laws as stated in "Article II, Section 1. "The purpose of the Association shall be to enhance the environmental, economic and social values of residency in the Borough". Residential trash and recycling addresses the "environmental" part of the Mission.

The committee met with Borough Officials and employees and we are in the early process of improving the communication of the various rules and regulations to the residents. Watch for this on both the Borough and AHLOA websites, in brochures, etc. One area that needs to be stressed is that the courtesy trash and recycling collection area at 15th Street off Dune Drive by the Public Works Department is open year round Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Property owners in Avalon for the weekend during the off-season are strongly urged to take their trash to Public Works before they leave on Sundays. This request is especially important for those at the southern end of town whose trash is not picked up until Wednesday since the winds can blow trash and empty trash cans all over.

Property owners are also reminded to ensure the street address is placed on trash cans so that those that are blown away can be returned to the correct location.

REPAIRS TO THE AVALON BRIDGES

Cape May County will be starting work to repair spalling on the under side portion of the Ingram's Thorofare (the high) Bridge on Avalon Boulevard in mid March. Work should be completed by the Memorial Day holiday. Lane closures will occur.

In addition the project to widen the bridge over the canal at 30th Street and Ocean Drive is out for bid. Work should start in September 2010 with a completion date of the Memorial Day holiday 2011.

PUBLIC SAFETY

When the remodeling of the business district was undertaken handicap access to the sidewalks was updated. An unfortunate result has been the inadvertent effect of encouraging 'wheeled' traffic on the sidewalks. Police Chief David Dean has asked us to remind residents and visitors alike that cyclists are to follow the rules of the road and not to ride on the sidewalk. The

Chief has requested that the curbing next to the access ramps be appropriately signed "WALK BIKES ON SIDEWALK". In addition the parking officers will pay close attention to this situation in the future. The brochures on bicycle safety that were developed by AHLOA in conjunction with the Police Department will be available at various locations again this year.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Statistics have shown that the majority of crimes in the Borough involve theft and the majority of incidents involved thefts of unlocked bicycles and items from unsecured cars, home, sheds, etc., with the major area of theft being the bicycle theft. Chief Dean advises the public to secure their property when it is unattended when unattended.

AHLOA WEBSITE

After major up-dating the AHLOA website at www.ahloa.com is now up and running. You are invited to look at the new product and to use the links therein to visit other websites in the Borough.

You will notice on your address label an alpha-numeric code at the top. Please make a note of this, since this will be the code to enable you to participate electronically in surveys that AHLOA will run in the future. It will also prevent you from participating more than once in a particular survey.

TENNIS COURT RESERVATIONS

AHLOA Special Committee members Dave Knoche and Chris Branda held several meetings with Council President Charles Covington and Recreational Director Dave Haberle, and subsequently with Councilwoman Dr. Nancy Hudanich and Councilman Dave Ellenberg which resulted in the formulation by Dave Haberle of a procedure that can be easily administrated and which will give Avalon property owners priority to make advance court reservations at the 39th Street tennis facility. Borough Council has adopted this by resolution.

AHLOA commends Dave Haberle for his diligent and enthusiastic efforts in formulating the new procedure and expresses its sincere thanks to Borough Council for recognizing the merits of the proposal and the benefit to Avalon property owners.

Dates to note on your calendar:

Saturday, April 10 – AHLOA Third Annual Community Connections Program, Community Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 8 – All- Avalon Yard Sale

Monday, May 10 – 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, June 5 – Avalon Performing Arts Council "Let's Go to the Hop Dance Concert", Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27 – Avalon Performing Arts Council *Art Show and Sale*, Community Hall,

UPCOMING EVENTS

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