



AHLOA NEWS

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AHLOA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Avalon Community Center. U. S. Congressman Frank LoBiondo has been invited as the Keynote Speaker. Members of Borough Council and Borough Officials will be present to answer written questions from the audience.

Nomination of Officers

The Board of Trustees has put forward the following slate of Candidates:

President – Michael Matt

First Vice President – John Cuthbert

Second Vice President – James Thatcher

Vice President for Programs – Joseph Reese

Treasurer - John McKelvey

Secretary – Brian Reynolds

Trustee (one-year term ending 2010):

Monica Coskey, Dave Knoche, Milt Kuhn, Jr.,
Ramona Sanabria, Kay Waters;

Trustee (two-year term ending 2011):

Christopher Branda, Abner Dowdell, Fred
Pracht, Kimberly Schiela, Terence Strobaugh;

Trustee (three-year term ending 2012):

Susan Ellenberg, Paul Gossin, Carl Johnson,
Joan Leodori, Nancy Runzer.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Avalon Beaches

Two beach fill projects have been completed at the north end of the Borough. In a U.S. Corps of Engineers project approximately 103,000 cubic yards of sand were placed on the beach between 9th and 15th Streets. Following this the Borough placed another 35,000 cubic yards between 15th and 18th Streets. Beach access paths in the area have been reconstructed.

The fill rebuilds damaged dunes, adds about 100 feet of flat sand to the beaches and then tapers off to the water.

All work was completed by June 18.

Avalon Free Public Library

The Bay-Atlantic Symphony-by-the-Sea programs return this summer with the Italian Opera Extravaganza and the Tchaikovsky concerts. Admission is free for both concerts, but tickets are required and may be obtained at the library circulation desk. Included this year are three music lectures discussing the overview of the symphony, and previews of the Opera concert and Tchaikovsky concert.

Trash Rules

Sea gulls are notorious thieves so all trash must be put in closed containers. **Plastic bags must be placed in a closed container with a secure lid**, otherwise the bag will be ripped open and the contents scattered far and wide

If you rent your property, please ensure that your renters are made aware of the Borough requirements.

As of May 15, 2009 the use of plastic or "RECYCLABLE" paper bags sold at hardware stores are not permitted for brush, clippings and garden refuse. These materials must be placed in a "reusable container" such as a plastic or metal trash can.

You are also reminded that materials that could be classed as hazardous (see the partial list below) will NOT be picked up by the Borough and should be brought to the County hazardous materials collection programs that are held in May and September

Avalon Recycles

All communities in New Jersey are required to have a recycling program. Recyclable materials include paper, shredded paper in clear plastic bags, corrugated cardboard (but not flat cardboard, e.g., from food boxes, or beverage carriers), glass, cans and plastic containers with the number '1' or '2' on the bottom. If you are doing renovations on your property have the contractor put corrugated cardboard out street side for pick up, that way there are no disposal fees. Recyclables are picked up on the first trash day of the week in your area.

The Cape May County MUA has a paint recycling program that operates on weekdays at the Transfer Station on Shunpike Road in Burleigh. Both oil and latex paints are accepted for recycling for a small fee at any time of the year. Details of the program can be obtained from the MUA website at www.cmcmua.com.

Channel 2

Recently, as you surfed through the cable channels recently, you may have noticed something new on Channel 2 offered on the Comcast cable system.

Avalon, Sea Isle City, and Stone Harbor have signed an inter-local agreement that allows the three communities to provide content for the channel twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The new channel is called "Shore TV Channel 2".

The Avalon Public Information Officer, Scott Wahl, who spearheaded the project, has indicated that this change will be beneficial to all in the communities since important government and civic information can be provided to people every day. In addition the channel will be an important tool for the local emergency management departments as well.

Shore TV Channel 2 provides each community with two ten-minute segments of air time every hour for government and community news as well as other useful information. Weather information specific to the three communities and tide information for Townsend's Inlet is aired every ten minutes. The Avalon Director of Emergency Management, Mayor Martin Pagliughi, has noted the importance of the channel in the event of a storm or other emergency since it will be possible to get information on television instantly. Information will also be available through the 1630AM radio station, the Global Connect phone system and through the Borough website, www.avalonboro.org.

Future plans call for the introduction of full length video programming since all three communities plan to present special events and other important video messages on the television station. People who are not Comcast customers will be able to view all of the information from Shore TV Channel 2 online on all three municipal websites.

The new television channel is of no cost to taxpayers in all three communities. Comcast has provided over \$100,000 in grant money that has paid for the equipment and programming options available to the communities. The television channel will also generate income for the three communities with advertising dollars.

Avalon Water

For the second consecutive year, Avalon is implementing an "odd-even" watering system for 2009 in order to help the Borough stay within the parameters of the water allocation permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. If your property address is an odd number (such as 321 Ocean Avenue) you are allowed to conduct outdoor watering on odd-numbered days; if your property address has an even number watering may be conducted on even-numbered days. No outdoor watering is permitted on the 31st of any month. The Borough is taking steps to limit its own use of outdoor watering throughout the year.

The need for conservation is not a water supply issue, it is a water allocation issue. The amount of water that any municipality in New Jersey can draw is regulated by the State of New Jersey and steep fines can be imposed on any municipality that exceeds its permitted allocation.

You are invited to visit the Borough's official website, www.avalonboro.org for more information about the water conservation program. You will also find some very helpful fact sheets courtesy of the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension relating to how you can keep lawns and gardens green and healthy while reducing your water use.

You are advised that only drip or underground irrigation can be used in new landscaping projects and it is recommended that moisture sensors be retrofitted into existing systems to prevent operation during or after rain events. Those planning new landscaping projects should also consider using plants indigenous to the barrier islands that require minimal watering in order to help conserve this vital resource.

Avalon Green Team

Under the auspices of the Avalon Joint Planning and Zoning Board a Green Team has been formed to investigate ways that more efficient use of energy can be made in the Borough. The Borough has applied for funds to be used to conduct an energy audit of Borough facilities and operations. This audit should take place within the next few months.

In addition team members have visited operations that are using, or plan to use, alternative energy sources to see if any of these methods can be applied to Borough operations.

An update on the function of the Green Team and information on a proposed Green Fair will be

given at the AHLOA Annual Meeting in August.

Jersey Shore Partnership Award

In late April the Mayor hosted a town meeting in Avalon to lobby for support from local officials and tourism leaders to fight the Governor's plan to cut millions of dollars from the Shore Protection Fund in order to balance the new state budget.

The Jersey Shore Partnership, Inc. is a public/private non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to shore protection, beach restoration, tourism, economic development and quality of life issues in New Jersey's coastal counties. Shore municipalities, businesses, educational institutions, environmental groups and individuals have joined in The Partnership's advocacy efforts, one of which was to convince the New Jersey Legislature to adopt a dedicated Shore Protection Fund. Avalon mayor, Martin Pagliughi, recently received the prestigious "Elected Leadership Award" from the Partnership Foundation for his efforts to ensure that funds continue to be available to the shore communities.

Dues

Under the by-laws of the Association, dues are payable once a year. Dues that are not paid within 180 days of the annual dues notice (which was mailed in January) will result in a suspension of membership. For those of you who have not paid your dues for 2009 this will be the last issue of the AHLOA Newsletter you will receive until dues are paid.

Dates to note on your calendar:

Tuesdays in July and August – Movies at the Beach at 30th Street, 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 18 – Bay-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. Auditorium, Avalon Elementary School

Saturday, August 8 – AHLOA Annual Meeting, Avalon Community Hall, 10:00 a.m. See the advertisement at the end of this Newsletter.

Saturday, August 8 – Avalon Performing Arts Council, Reggae Night, 7:00 p.m., Avalon Community Center

Saturday, August 22–Bay Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, Avalon Elementary School. Avalon property owner can obtain tickets will be available from the Library after July 22.

Saturday, September 12 - Cape May County (CMC) hazardous materials collection, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, at the CMC Landfill, Route 610, Woodbine. The CMC MUA will accept free of charge:

- Oil-based paints, thinners, solvents;
- Home maintenance products;
- Pesticides and herbicides;
- Cleaning products;

- Flammable liquids;
- Automotive products;
 - Empty propane tanks;
 - Electronic equipment.

All wastes **MUST** be identified. Personal identification, in the form of a driver's license, or for non-resident property owners in Cape May County, a copy of a tax or utility bill for a Cape May County property will be required. Details will be published in *The Cape May County Herald*. Pre-registration is not required.

Sunday, September 13 – Chamber of Commerce Street Faire, 30th Street, between Ocean Drive & Dune Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26 – Avalon Performing Arts Cabaret Night 7:00 p.m., Avalon Community Center.

October 11 & 12 – Chamber of Commerce Seafood Fest, 30th and the Beach, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AHLOA 46TH ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2009
AVALON COMMUNITY HALL 10:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

10:00 AM BUSINESS MEETING

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MAYOR MARTIN PAGLIUGHI
"AVALON 2009 – THE BAY TO THE BEACH"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: – U. S. CONGRESSMAN FRANK LOBIONDO

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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