

A service of The Avalon Home & Land Owners Association – Michael Matt, President July 2010
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THE NEW AHLOA WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING AT

WWW.AHLOA.COM

Members, your gateway to Avalon! At www.ahloa.com, members can keep up with association reports, meeting schedules and speaker presentations. Soon, we will add an On-line survey so members can express their opinions on important local matters.

ON THE ADDRESS BLOCK OF YOUR NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL FIND YOUR AHLOA PIN NUMBER. YOU WILL NEED THIS TO ACCESS MEMBER SURVEYS.

Your AHLOA website is also your gateway to other local activities. You'll find links to other civic groups, the Avalon Library, the Borough and county, state and federal government.

You'll find Avalon weather and tides, links to local businesses, local news and happenings.

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AHLOA ANNUAL MEETING

The AHLOA Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Center, 30th Street and Avalon Avenue on Saturday, August 14 with coffee and doughnuts at 9:15 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Frank McCall, Director of Emergency Management, County of Cape May, will discuss Emergency Preparedness in the County, and Gary Szatkowski, Director of the NOAA, NWS, Philadelphia / Mount Holly will shed light on the types of weather systems that could cause emergency evacuations to occur. Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi will give his State of the Borough presentation, and members of Borough Council and Borough Staff will be present to answer written questions.

Nominations for Office

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 (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.

Trustee (Three-year term ending 2013):

John Bell, Mickey Coskey, Jack Keenan, Dave Knoche, Ramona Sanabria

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

AVALON BEACHES

After visiting the dredge on June 17, Mayor Martin Pagliughi stated that the beach fill project at the north end of the Borough was right on schedule. By the time you read this there will be a spacious, protective beach in place extending from 9th to 26th Streets.

By that date more than 230,000 cubic yards of sand had been pumped onto the Avalon beachfront. The project moved at a pace of about one block per day until it concluded at the 26th Street beach.

A few blocks of beach on the north and south side of the immediate pumping area were closed for safety purposes during the operation.

The communities of Avalon and Sea Isle City had entered into a joint emergency beach fill effort this spring to repair beaches that were devastated by repeated coastal storms and blizzards that began in September, 2009 and concluded in early March, 2010. Both communities were able to receive 75 percent reimbursement for the costs associated with the project from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

A video of a news-clipping from TV channel 40 was posted on Avalon's website, www.avalonboro.org, on a new "Avalon Video" link.

TRASH AND RECYCLING

In the April issue of the AHLOA

Newsletter, it was announced that one of the strategic initiatives that AHLOA was to develop was to improve communication on the various rules and regulations involving trash and recycling. Avalon updated the annual "Avalon is a "Clean Communities" City - 2010 Trash and Recycling Information" with "Avalon, New Jersey - 2010 General Information" on the other side of this purple placard. Every home in Avalon should have a copy of this important information prominently displayed for homeowners and renters to follow.

The Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority has an excellent pamphlet "*Cape May County Recycling Guide*" that is available on the "Green" table on the north side of the hallway in the Borough building. It stresses the following:

- Place cans and bottles in one reusable container.
- Do rinse containers and remove caps and lids.
- Do NOT flatten cans or bottles.
- Do NOT recycle plastic bags – they can be taken to the local supermarket.
- Place all paper in a paper bag, corrugated box or reusable container. Do NOT tie paper in bundles.
- Put shredded paper in see-through plastic bags; place with other paper.
- Flatten corrugated boxes and place next to container or bag of paper.
- Do set out recyclables rain or shine.

AHLOA developed a hand-out that is also available on the "Green" table. It stresses the following:

- Careless Disposal Of Trash Affects Your Neighbors.
- Trash is to be placed in containers that have a capacity of no greater than thirty-five (35) gallons and a total weight not to exceed fifty (50) pounds.
- The lid is to be secured tightly to the container to prevent the wind or sea gulls from scattering the content.
- DO NOT pile trash over the top of the container.
- Use additional trash containers if necessary.

If you have excess trash or recycling material or are leaving the area days before your scheduled collection, it is **STRONGLY** recommended you use the courtesy trash and recycling collection area at 15th Street off Dune Drive at Public Works." This courtesy collection area is open as shown on Avalon's purple 2010 Trash and Recycling Information placard. Operating hours for the courtesy collection can be found at our website, www.ahloa.com

AHLOA urges everyone to follow these rules and regulations and as stated in AHLOA'S hand-out - LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO KEEP AVALON CLEAN!

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Avalon Police Department reminds residents of the April 1st, 2010 changes in New Jersey State pedestrian safety law. The revised pedestrian safety law requires greater

responsibility from both drivers and pedestrians. The Department will be enforcing the new pedestrian safety regulations throughout the summer as pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic both increase.

"Both drivers and pedestrians have the right to a safe travel experience and the responsibility to create that safe travel experience" said Avalon Police Chief David Dean. "Once people have an awareness of pedestrian safety law, drivers and pedestrians can collaborate to foster pedestrian safety in Avalon".

The revised pedestrian safety law went into effect on April 1, 2020. New Jersey Statute 39:4-36 states: "*The driver of a vehicle must stop and stay stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.*" It is important to note that this revised law requires drivers to stop and stay stopped for pedestrians until they have exited the crosswalk. Drivers who fail to abide by this law may be subject to a \$200 fine plus court costs, a two point license penalty, 15 days of community service, and insurance surcharges.

New Jersey Statute also states: "*no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.*" Failure to observe this law may result in a \$54 fine and court costs for pedestrians.

The business district of Dune Drive is of particular concern. Pedestrians are advised to treat Dune Drive as two streets when using the crosswalk. Pedestrians should stop and look before entering the crosswalk and then stop and look again once they have reached the median. Following these simple steps can ensure a safe summer for Avalon drivers and pedestrians alike. More information on the new pedestrian safety law by going to Avalon cable Channel 2 or 1630 AM.

One of the most frequent crimes in 2009 was the theft of unlocked bicycles. The Police Department has instituted a program to register bicycles so that if a theft is reported there is a better chance the owner will get their property back. As of early June almost 100 bikes had been registered. The program is free and the police will even come to the house to register the bikes if for some reason you can't come to the station.

Statistics have shown that the most crimes in the Borough involve thefts, the majority of which involve thefts of unlocked bicycles and items from unsecured cars, home, sheds, etc. Police Chief David Dean advises the public to secure their property when it is unattended.

The Memorial Day weekend was busy one and the department responded to 36 noise complaints as well as fights, criminal mischief and thefts among other violations.

AVALON BOULEVARD BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE

Another strategic initiative that AHLOA has entered into is the beautification of the

entrance to the Borough. An advisory committee made up of representatives from various organizations in the community has held two meetings to develop plans for the project. A third meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chamber to further discuss the situation. Members of the public are invited to attend.

It was felt that anything that is done should be welcoming, attractive but not ornate, and require minimum maintenance.

There should be no commercial activity and since the area is widely used by diamondback turtles the overall result should be turtle-friendly. Safety is also important.

Dates to note on your calendar:

Tuesday nights in July and August –

Movies at the beach at 30th Street, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 17 – Bay Atlantic Symphony Orchestra concert “*Vonderful, Vonderful Vienna*” in the Elementary School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Library

Saturday, August 7 – Avalon Performing Arts Council *Jimmy Buffet Tribute “Parrotbeach”*, Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 14 – AHLOA Annual Meeting, Community Hall, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, August 28 – Bay Atlantic Symphony concert “*Rescues, Royals, Renegades*” in the Avalon Elementary School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Library

Saturday, September 25 – Avalon Performing Arts Council *Neil Diamond Tribute “Real Diamond”*, Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

