



Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

AHLOA NEWS

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From the President

As my term draws to a close, I sincerely thank AHLOA's Trustees and Officers for helping keep our Association vibrant. The scope of our activities is significant. As you know, we have monthly meetings, each with a guest speaker, committee reports and discussion of special topics. In the spring, we hold our Community Connections event followed in August by the Annual meeting. Our Quarterly Newsletters and Website further keep our membership informed. Importantly, we strive to be attentive to the concerns of our membership and, as needed, partner with Borough officials to help resolve them. It has been an honor to play a part in these activities and I leave confident of AHLOA's continuing positive role in our community.

John Cuthbert
President, AHLOA

AHLOA Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting is on Saturday August 9 in Community Hall, Avalon, 30th Street and Avalon Avenue.

Refreshments Open at 9:30am; Program Starts at 10am

Speakers:

Martin Pagliughi, Mayor of Avalon, "State of the Borough"

Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Atlantic Cape Community College, "New Economics of Shore Living"

Nominations for Office

The Board of Trustees has put forward the following slate of Candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

President – Bob Hoesly

First Vice President – Mike Matt

Second Vice President – Joan Leodori

Vice President for Programs – Joseph Reese

Treasurer - John Bell

Secretary – Brian Reynolds

Trustee, Term ending 2015:

Nancy Runzer, Frank Short, Jill Hoesly, Ann Oberg, Maureen Corrigan

Trustee, Term Ending 2016:

Jack Keenan, David Knoche, Mickey Coskey, Ramona Sanabria, John Cuthbert

Trustee, Term ending 2017:

Milt Kuhn, Joseph Dvorak, Deborah Ney, Fred Pracht, Jim Thatcher

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Disposal of Electrical Equipment

The Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority has changed the way it handles the disposal of electronic and electrical equipment. As a result the Borough of Avalon has instituted a program whereby all electrical waste will be collected by Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel. If you have any electrical equipment such as TV's, vacuum cleaners, computers, monitors, refrigerators that you want to dispose of you should call the DPW at (609) 967-7697 before the Friday when you want the material to be picked up. Give a general list of the materials involved as well as your address. Materials should be placed curb-side for pick up.

The same procedure should be used if you have metal, white goods and rigid plastics for disposal.

You are also reminded that the trash and recycling facility at the Public Works facility at 1400 Dune Drive is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. so you can drop off trash and recyclables. The facility is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Status and Timetable for Back Bay Dredging.

At the Community Connections program in April Borough Engineer Tom Thornton reviewed progress towards dredging Avalon's back bays.

To make space for new dredge material, 150,000 cubic yards from prior dredging projects must first be removed from the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) on Graven's Island. As a result of efforts by a number of individuals, especially Avalon Mayor Pagliughi, the long standing disposal problem has been solved and approval given to truck the old dredge materials, which are contamination free, to a materials reprocessing facility at a gravel pit in Lower Township.

To off-load the CDF, a temporary road was constructed from Avalon Boulevard, to the CDF. This multi-layer road is specially designed to carry heavy trucks over the wetlands terrain. Permitting was conditional on removal of the road and restoration of the wetlands after the CDF is emptied. Off-loading is almost complete.

Dredging of the back-bays is in the design phase. The project will be advertised for bids and actual dredging is planned to start in Sept 2014, before the CDF is fully unloaded. The first phase of the dredging will focus on the severely shoaled Porpoise Lagoon and Cornell/Pennsylvania/Princeton Harbor areas. To safeguard migratory wildlife in the winter months and recreational boaters during the peak summer months, dredging can only take place from September through December. As a result, the full dredging project is a multi-year program, scheduled in the Fall of 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The following waterways will be dredged to a depth of 6 feet below Mean Low Tide:

- Porpoise Lagoon
- Cornell/Pennsylvania/Princeton Harbor
- Third Avenue Waterway (AKA Avalon Canal)
- 54th Street Marina
- Oler/Graven's Thorofare (State Channel)
- Long Reach (State Channel)
- Whale Harbor (State Channel)
- Sterback Harbor (Avalon Manor)

The total volume of new dredge material produced will be around 120,000 cubic yards and its removal should insure that our back-bays are navigable over the next decade. As the above list indicates, the Borough is partnering with Middle Township and NJDOT to dredge waterways outside of its jurisdiction. Through their assumption of proportionate costs for unloading the CDF, the Borough could realize a cost savings of about \$2.7 million.

For Avalon property owners, the Borough will obtain permits to allow dredging of their slips adjacent to dredged channels. Unless there is some unusual circumstance (e.g. coastal wetlands in the vicinity) they don't need to get permits – they can use the Borough's permit.

Owners will be able to use the Borough's dredging contractor, but will not be obligated. The Powerpoint presentation from the meeting, along with a dredging location map, has been posted on the Borough's website. www.avalonboro.org.

Public Safety

Since the beginning of the year police dispatch for Avalon and Stone Harbor has been combined at the Avalon station.

Dispatching for fire and rescue in the two communities is being done through the County and this is working well

At a recent presentation to AHLOA members Police Chief William McCormick mentioned that thefts increased by 50% in 2013 over 2012. Many thefts have involved copper and disassembled air conditioning units. These thefts are still continuing and the Chief stressed the need for citizen help by reporting anything unusual to the police, such as a car or van parked in front of an unlit property.

Bicycle thefts have decreased, especially late at night and it is not certain how much of this is due to the jitney service.

AHLOA Website

Want information on local Avalon doings? Visit WWW.AHLOA.COM. Here is a portal to all local activities. Jump from AHLOA.COM to the Borough home page or their emergency management site.

Use ahloa.com to find information about other local communities, county offices and links to state and federal legislators.

Want to keep up with AHLOA activity. Visit ahloa.com/events for remarks from meeting speakers and reports on Borough Council, Planning Board, School Board, Public Safety and Environmental matters.

At ahloa.com/government you'll find a schedule of local government meetings and contacts.

Dates to note on your calendar:

Tuesday nights in July and August – Movies at the beach at 30th Street, 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 19– Bay Atlantic Symphony Orchestra concert. Music by Strauss, Beethoven and Shostakovitch's 1st Piano Concerto performed by Alexandre Montouzkyne 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Library.

Saturday, August 9 – AHLOA Annual Meeting, Community Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 16 – Bay Atlantic Symphony Orchestra concert "Go the Distance" in the Avalon Elementary School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Library.

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	4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m., June, July, August	Library Meeting Room
Avalon Lions Club	3 rd Thursday	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