

BEN AVON BULLETIN



A Message from the Mayor

Greetings neighbors! Another change of season is upon us with much to look forward to. If you are a summer person, you may be sad to see less of the warm sun. If you are a winter person, you may be looking forward to the cooler weather and all the cozy things that come with it. In Ben Avon, the Fall season is full of community activities for everyone to enjoy. I hope you are able to participate and reconnect with friends and neighbors.

You'll find information in the newsletter on the annual Fall Festival, our Halloween Parade, and Trick-or-Treating. Read about improvements to our Borough Hall, our roads, and to our beautiful Avon Park that gives us a place to walk, play and enjoy the change of season. If you are making plans for your home in the cooler weather, check out the information on recycling, greener energy, composting, and permits you may need for building or renovation projects. If you are at the Fall Festival, stop by our table in front of the Borough Hall to learn more about projects in the Borough and how you can be involved.

In all seasons, we are a community that looks out for each other. Please keep up the good work of being good neighbors. Clear snow so that folks don't slip on icy sidewalks. Pet owners, please wrangle your fur family - keep your dogs leashed and your cats inside. The leaves can fall early or late so please check out www.benavon.com for up-to-date information on leaf collection dates. Greet each other at the polls on Nov 8th. And lastly, please be aware and talk with your families about bike and scooter safety, as we've had several close calls lately with younger riders.

Fall is a special time in Ben Avon to enjoy our community. I look forward to seeing neighbors and friends at these Fall events.

- Mayor Melanie Holcomb

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Public Works Construction 2022

Road repaving will occur in September 2022. Mele & Mele Inc. will be performing the construction work. The roads planned for resurfacing are:

- Walnut Road(top and bottom)
- Virginia Avenue (Walnut to Avalon Line)
- Maple Avenue (Walnut to Dead End)
- Forest Avenue (Brighton to Western)
- Belle Riviere Court
- Laurel Avenue
- Brighton Road (Dickson to Spruce)

The list of road projects will be posted on Ben Avon's website and affected residents will also be notified in advance by mail.

The Borough will also be repairing portions of a retaining wall along Brighton Road near Spruce Run Road this fall. Temporary road closures are possible and residents will be notified. For questions about these projects contact the Ben Avon Public Works department at benavonpw@benavon.com or call 412.761.5311.

Borough Hall Centennial Project

The Centennial Building Project launched in 2021 with the goal of ensuring the viability of the Ben Avon Municipal Building for the next 100 years. A committee of residents was formed to guide the project. In January 2022, the Borough was awarded a \$200,000 state grant for improvements to energy efficiency, thermal comfort, safety and accessibility to enhance the functionality of the Borough Hall. This spring, Ben Avon architect Rob Dower was hired to develop construction plans for the project, which will include window replacement, roof repairs, and insulation work. The Committee has also looked at options for improving accessibility to the second floor of the building, such as adding an elevator.



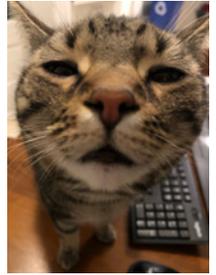
Leaf Collection

Collection begins mid to late October and ends in late November. Please rake leaves to the curb, without twigs, mulch or other debris. Due to safety concerns there is no collection on Ohio River Blvd.



It's Kitten Season

Local shelters are inundated with stray cats and kittens this year. A reminder that per Ordinance §2-104 Control of Permitted Domestic Animals all pets must be on a leash when not on your fenced property. Animal Friends and Humane Animal Rescue provide discount spay and neuter services in our region.



Avonworth Municipal Authority Seeks Board Members

Ben Avon is looking for a few good residents to serve as non-voting members of the Avonworth Municipal Authority. The AMA oversees Avonworth Community Park, which provides a variety of amenities to the five communities within the Avonworth district. Members can serve on the pool, maintenance, special events, marketing, facilities, and trail committees. For more information on the AMA and Park opportunities, visit www.avonworthcommunitypark.org/avonworth-municipal-authority.

Recycling Information

Waste Management is now collecting recyclables every Wednesday.

Free Drop-Off Glass Recycling is now available at:

Sewickley Borough Riverfront Park
300 Chadwick St, Sewickley, PA 15143
Avalon Borough Public Works
629 New Brighton Road, 15202

- Hours of operations are dawn to dusk each day
- Glass containers must be rinsed of any perishable debris prior to being recycled
- Adhesive labels and container lids do not need to be removed from glass prior to being recycled
- Glass products such as mirrors, porcelain dishware, and light bulbs will not be accepted

**Ben Avon Election Day is Tues Nov 8
7am-8pm at 7219 Church Avenue**

For information visit www.vote411.org.

Public Safety Reminders

- **October is National Fire Safety Month**
 - **The Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company will be holding a fire prevention program on Oct 8, from 11am to 3pm on Center Ave. in front of the Emsworth Municipal Building.**
 - **Install smoke alarms on all floors and test monthly.**
 - **Replace smoke detector batteries twice a year, unless you are using 10-year lithium batteries.**
 - **Visit www.emsworthfire.com for more safety tips.**
- **During inclement weather:**
 - **Clear snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall - do not put snow in the street.**
 - **Check on elderly or disabled neighbors.**
- **Prevent and deter crime:**
 - **Always lock your windows, doors, and vehicles.**
 - **To contact the police: (412) 259-8304 (non-emergency) or 911 for emergencies.**

Halloween in Ben Avon

The Ben Avon Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 29 at noon, starting at Dickson and Church Avenues. Trick or Treating will be Monday, October 31 from 6 - 8 PM, rain or shine. Any updates will be posted on benavon.com. Be careful when crossing streets, wear reflective clothing, and respect the "Porch Light" rule - only knock on doors if the porch light is on.



Planning Construction?

Don't Forget A Permit!

Typical projects that require a permit include decks, pools, fences, and accessory structures. It's a good idea to check with the Borough Secretary if you are planning a project. Call (412) 766-7704 or email benavon@benavon.com. Forms for zoning permit applications, dye tests*, and rental inspections**, can be found in the **Forms Commonly Requested** section of benavon.com.

*Dye tests are needed when selling a home.

**Rental properties need to be inspected every three years.

Avon Club Fall Festival is September 24

On Saturday, September 24th, 2022 from 10am - 4pm Church Avenue in Ben Avon will be blocked off between Dickson and Dalzell for music, food, artisans and more.

Go Green This Fall!

Switch to Clean Electricity

Visit papowerswitch.com and select "renewable energy" to source your electricity from wind and solar. The company who delivers your electricity (Duquesne Light) will stay the same. They will still maintain the power lines, address outages, and will send you your monthly electric bill.

Get a Home Energy Assessment

Duquesne Light residential customers can receive a professional whole home energy audit, complete with suggestions on how to reduce energy usage and save money. Participants can receive up to \$275 in rebates for the cost of the audit fee and LED bulbs, LED nightlights, advanced powerstrips, and other qualifying energy-saving products that are installed during the audit. You may be eligible for up to an additional \$400 in rebates for the installation of air sealing and insulation products. Call 1-888-998-9478 or contact DLC.REEP@clearesult.com to learn more and schedule an appointment.

Take Advantage of Electric Vehicle Incentives

- Federal tax credit: up to \$7,500 - <https://fueleconomy.gov/feg/taxevb.shtml>
- State rebate: up to \$1,750 - <https://bit.ly/3JolqQ4>
- Duquesne Light rebate: \$50 per vehicle - <https://ev.duquesnelight.com/incentives/>

Compost Your Food Scraps

Ben Avon residents can participate in weekly collection of food scraps and compostable items with Zero Waste Wrangler. The program costs \$22 per 4 weeks or \$264 annually, plus a one time \$15 fee. The program has composted 23 tons of waste over the past year. To sign up for the program visit: zerowastewrangler.com/ba-compost.

Avon Park Updates

This spring, the Borough publicized an online survey to gather residents' opinions on potential park improvements. If you are interested in volunteering on a park improvements committee, contact Councilman Rick Wagner at wagner@benavon.com.



Eagle Scout Henry Wagner organized a park cleanup held on June 17, 2022. Twenty nine boy scouts and community volunteers cleared brush from trails, removed trash and debris, and repaired benches and signs. Many thanks to all participants!

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SIX WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

- Visit www.benavon.com.
- Sign up for the Savvy Citizen app.
- Follow Ben Avon Borough on Facebook.
- Contact the Borough Secretary, benavon@benavon.com or (412) 766-7704.
- Check out the bulletin board outside of the Borough Hall.
- Attend a Borough Council meeting, virtually or in person, held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Contact Info:

Ben Avon Borough Office

Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Thurs (except holidays)

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Upcoming Events

September 17	Bookmobile
September 20	Ben Avon Council Meeting
September 24, 10am-4pm	Avon Club Fall Festival
September 26	Joint Planning Commission Meeting
October 1, 15, 29.....	Bookmobile
October 18.....	Ben Avon Council Meeting
October 24.....	Joint Planning Commission Meeting
October 29, 12 noon	Halloween Parade @ Church & Dickson
October 31, 6-8 pm.....	Halloween Trick or Treating
November 8, 7am-8pm.....	Election Day
November 12, 26	Bookmobile
November 14.....	Joint Planning Commission Meeting
November 15.....	Ben Avon Council Meeting
December 10.....	Bookmobile
December 12.....	Joint Planning Commission Meeting
December 20.....	Ben Avon Council Meeting
January 7, 21	Bookmobile
January 17.....	Ben Avon Council Meeting
January 23.....	Joint Planning Commission Meeting
February 4, 18.....	Bookmobile
February 21	Ben Avon Council Meeting
February 27	Joint Planning Commission Meeting