



BEN AVON HEIGHTS BOROUGH OFFICIALS

2021 Officials and Members of Council, Term Expiration Dates

Scott Dismukes	Mayor	12/31/21
Alan Cuteri	President of Council	12/31/21
John Radcliffe	Vice President	12/31/23
Jason Brown	Councilman	12/31/21
Joseph Dawley	Councilman	12/31/21
Jacquelyn Neunder	Councilwoman	12/31/23
Steven Stiller	Councilman	12/31/23
Gregory Mihalko	Councilman	12/31/23
Jennifer Knuth	Judge of Elections	12/31/21
Jessica DiNuzzo	Secretary	Appointed
Kim Gourley	Real Estate Tax Collector	12/31/21
Keystone Collections	Wage Tax Collector	Appointed
John T. Vogel	Solicitor	Appointed

2020 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance – Cuteri; Dismukes; Radcliffe
Police/Fire – Dismukes
Emergency Management – Beck, Dismukes, Cuteri
Recreation & Green Space – Radcliffe
Streets/Lights/Water – Dawley
Sewers/Consent Decree – Stiller
Planning Commission – Cuteri
Insurance - Neunder
Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee – Cuteri; Brown
Digital Communications – Brown; Stiller

Borough Council wishes to recognize and thank the following residents and individuals who volunteered their time in 2020 to work for the Borough in the following capacities:

Damian Liska	ACORD Authority
MaryBeth Bolam	ACORD Board
Terrie Brightman	ACORD Board
Tom Price	Zoning Officer
David Raves, Chair	Zoning Hearing Board 2021-2024
Michael Rovitto	Zoning Hearing Board 2021-2023
Clayton Morris	Zoning Hearing Board 2021-2022
Al Cuteri, Chair	Planning Commission
Jason Brown	Borough Web Site Administrator
Michelle Dawley	BAH Community Club Chairperson
Becky Pool	Community Club Treasurer
SGT. Beck	Coordinator Emergency Management
Scott Dismukes	Deputy Coordinator Emergency Management

Special Thanks to:

Jen Prezgay for the Halloween Parade at the Park.

Susan Dismukes for chairing the Borough's Holiday Pole Decorations and all the elves who decorate the poles.

Bill and Jen Dickson for decorating the tree in the park again this year!

This message certainly intends to include all the others who made this past year's events possible we are sorry if we missed anyone.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

TO: Residents of Ben Avon Heights

This is the 57th consecutive year that your Borough has prepared an annual report for the previous year. We hope that each of you will take the time to print and read this report and then place it in your three- ring binder.

The Borough has entered into contracts for the following services:

Police: Ohio Township Police Department
Fire: Avalon Volunteer Fire Company
Real Estate Tax Collection: Jordan Tax Services
Wage Tax Collection: Keystone Collections Group
Sewage Collection: Jordan Tax Services
Leaf Removal: Walt's Landscaping Inc.
Snow Removal: Avalon Borough
Road Maintenance: Avalon Borough
PA One Call: Avalon Borough
Refuse Pick-Up: Valley Waste Services
Building Inspector: Building Inspection Underwriters of PA Inc.
Engineering: Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Auditors: Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood LLP
Legal Advertising: The Citizen
Banking: Northwest Savings Bank

Council meetings are open to all residents, and we encourage your attendance. Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at either Shannopin Country Club (in the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October) or the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department (in the months of January, February, March, November, and December.) Please check the website Community Calendar for additional information.

Our Borough maintains a web site that contains links to borough information, a list of Borough officials and community events. The website address is www.benavonheightsborough.com. If you have any information that you would like to have posted on the website, please click on the "Feedback" link.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

The principal sources of revenue for the operation of the Borough were the real estate tax, at the rate of 7.95 mills, and the wage or earned income tax of ½ of 1 percent. Other revenues were derived from the real estate deed transfer tax and from miscellaneous sources such as fines, interest, permits, highway aid and budgetary reserve (RAD).

BUDGET FOR 2021

Taxes:	
Real Estate	\$335,650
Earned Income	\$104,840
Deed Transfer	\$2,500
Interest	\$1,400
Anticipated Transfer Liquid	
Fuels	\$11,500
Other Revenues	\$25,810
Transfer From Reserve Fund	\$215,953
Total Revenues	\$697,653

General Government	\$40,015
Payroll	\$57,397
Police Protection	\$53,304
Fire Protection, Hydrants, Fire Relief	\$17,926
Health & Sanitation	\$45,210
Streets Repair Paving	\$237,188
Consent Decree O&M	\$14,605
Green Spaces	\$33,730
ACCORD	\$4,750
Snow removal / Streets Maintenance	\$34,000
Professional Services	\$31,695
Community Affairs	\$200
2015 AIM Loan Debt Service	\$19,125
2012 GON Debt Service	\$51,275
2016 AIM Loan Debt Service	\$37,617
2016 GON Debt Service	\$19,616
Total Expenditures	\$697,653

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12 Lynton Lane
Pittsburgh PA 15202**

Emergencies, of course, should be reported directly to 911 now operated by Allegheny County at 400 North

Lexington located in North Point Breeze.

We work with the Ohio Township Police Department, Sgt Adam Beck as our borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Scott Dismukes is deputy coordinator.

Our school crossing guards are Jennie-Lynn Knox at Oxford and New Brighton intersection on Monday and Jim Buckley Sr. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Jim Hamm and Jennie-Lynn share the responsibilities at the Park bus stop. The Borough hired a fourth crossing guard for the beginning of the 2020 school year as bus coverage increased with the new hybrid schedules at Avonworth during the Covid-19 Pandemic. You will see Nadine Duplechain filling in when others are out and she is at Oxford on Thursdays and Fridays. Substitute guard is Ohio Township Police.

Please continue to list your homes with the police when you are going to be out of town or away on vacation for several days or longer. House numbers need to be prominently displayed and lighting is helpful.

FIRE

Our Borough Fire protection is provided by the Avalon Borough Volunteer Fire Department. Remember to **call 911** to reach police and fire dispatchers as well as ambulance service.

STREETS, LIGHTS AND WATER

Avalon Borough's Public Works Crew patch potholes in the Heights throughout the year.

STREET LIGHTS

Please notify the Borough if a street light by your property is out or blinking. This will aid in getting that unit changed in a timely manner. Note, Duquesne Light charges us for each light whether it is lit or not.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

We welcomed the following new neighbors to the Ben Avon Heights Community in 2020:

Lester & Virginia Hebert

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Giuseppe & Laura Staltari
David & Mary Dening
Jacob & Rachel Christian
Elizabeth & Matthew Richards
Mario Jr & Paula Plaza-Ponte
Carrie & Frank Nedwidek
Hobert Webster & Jennifer Fink

THE PARK

Our neighborhood Park continues to be an important gathering place for all of our residents and their friends. The "Little Red Library" donated by the Dickson family continues to offer books to be shared by many walking by the Park. This year during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the park was used more than ever. Families welcomed and enjoyed the space in the park to still socialize from a safe distance, as well as burn off any energy from being at home. On weekends and during the summer, there is rarely a day that goes by where there aren't friends enjoying the basketball court, baseball field or tennis/pickle ball court. Pickle ball became so popular this year that another bench was added inside the court for players waiting their turn to play.

This year was a little different when it came to our traditional events in the park. Almost all social events were canceled; the Halloween parade looked a little different with multiple tables set up and spread out throughout the park to encourage social distancing while complying to CDC guidelines with mask wearing. We are very thankful for the quick thinking on Avalon Borough on how to still have Santa visit Ben Avon Heights, on Christmas Eve. Santa on the Fire Truck this year was a huge hit and The Fire department would like to continue this tradition in the future for Ben Avon Heights.