
NEWSLETTER



Election Edition

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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Why Should You Vote?

Your Vote, Your Community!

Local governments handle the services and programs that affect our schools, public safety, parks, and budgets.

Borough Council, the Mayor and the School Board make choices that affect everything from classroom sizes to road repairs.

A candidate can be elected by a single digit amount of votes.

Local elections historically suffer from low voter turnout.

Your vote counts!

Local officials live your borough. They attend community events and shop at local businesses. Residents have a better chance to interact with their local officials than they would with officials on a state or federal level.

When you vote locally, you choose the leaders who will decide about the place you call home.



Where Do I Vote?

Avalon Polling Locations

*Ward/District colors are in conjunction with the
Street Map on the next page*

Ward 1: Avalon Municipal Bldg.
640 California Ave

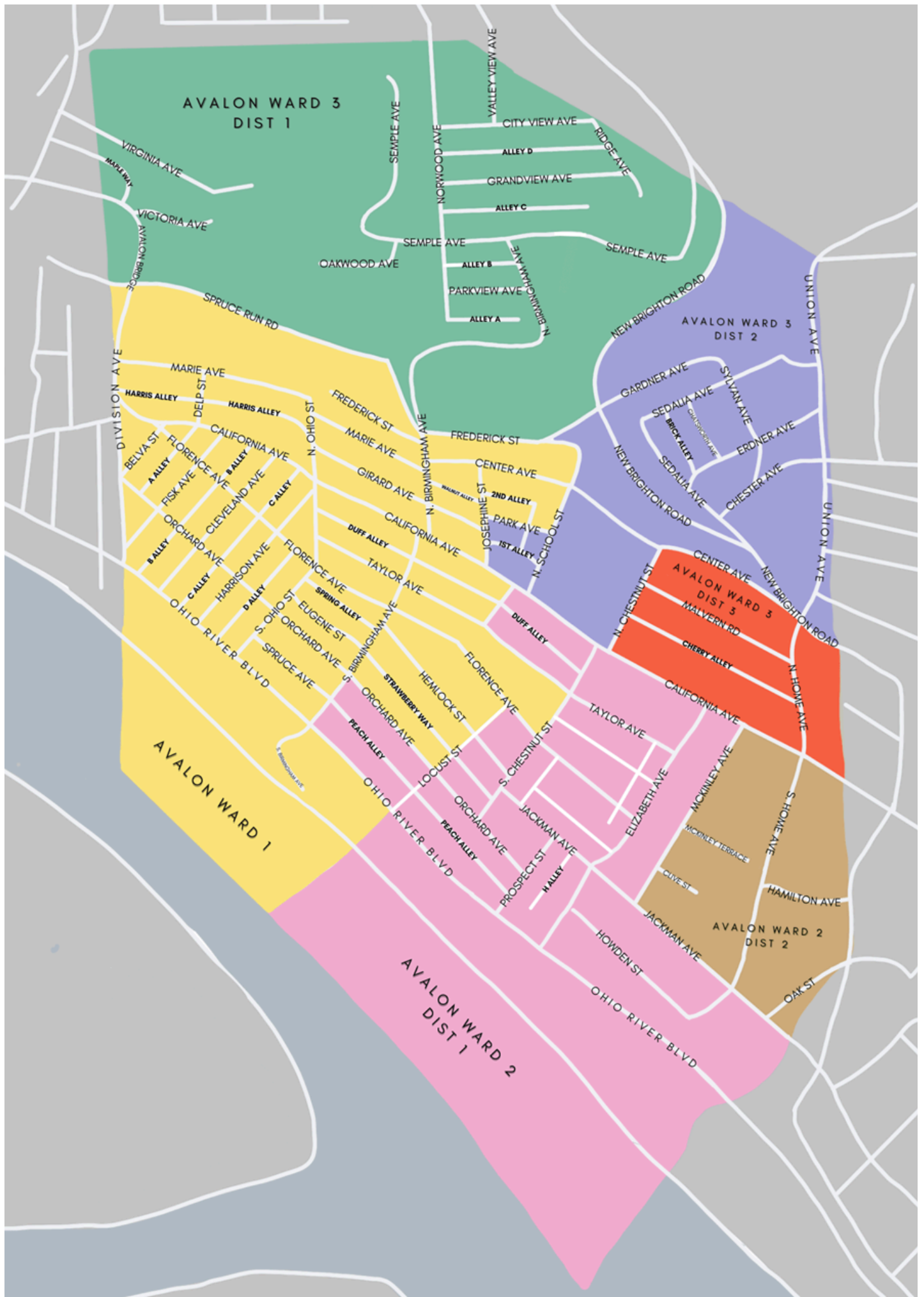
Ward 2, District 1: Avalon Public Library -
Conf Room
317 S. Home Ave

Ward 2, District 2: Greenstone United
Methodist Church
939 California Ave

Ward 3, District 1: Avalon Elementary School
721 California Ave

Ward 3, District 2-3: Greenstone United
Methodist Church
939 California Ave

Avalon Boroughs Ward and District Street Map





**"Talk is cheap, voting is
free; take it to the polls."
-Nanette L. Avery**

Avalon Candidates

AVALON MAYOR AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(In alphabetical order within each category)

Mayor

Brigitte Jackson, Republican, 4 Year Term
Heather Weleski, Democrat, 4 Year Term

Council

Ward 1 - Vote for No More Than One Candidate

Maxwell Swartwout, Democrat, 4 Year Term

Ward 2 - Vote for No More Than Two Candidates

Tia Morris, Democrat, 4 Year Term
Lee Nelson, Republican, 4 Year Term

Ward 3 - Vote for No More Than Two Candidates

Luke Meyer, Democrat, 4 Year Term
Michael Packard, Republican, 4 Year Term



MAYOR

The Mayor oversees the Police Department and performs various ceremonial duties as a public representative of Avalon. The Mayor reports to the Borough Council.

**Avalon Mayor,
Incumbent, Brigitte Jackson - R**



**Candidate for Mayor,
Heather Weleski - D**





COUNCIL

A Borough Council Member is an elected official who makes local laws, sets policies, and manages the borough's budget and services. They are responsible for overseeing the borough's finances, approving the annual budget, appointing local officials, and ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of the community.

Ward 1

Avalon Council

Candidate, Maxwell Swartwout - D

Ward 2

Avalon Council

Candidate, Tia Morris - D

Avalon Council

Incumbent, Lee Nelson - R





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Ward 3

**Avalon Council
Candidate, Luke Meyer - D**



**Avalon Council
Incumbent, Mike Packard - R**



Northgate School Board Candidates

A school board member sets policies, approve budgets, and hires/evaluates the superintendent. They establish the district's vision and goals while acting as advocates for the students. They approve curriculum, textbooks, and the school year calendar. School Board members make decisions on opening/closing schools, and approve setting salary schedules and granting leaves of absence.

Democratic Ballot

Melissa Bilski, 4 year Term

Chelsea MacDonald, 4 Year Term

Laura Pollanen, 4 Year Term

Cheryl Patalano, 4 Year Term

Amber Lehman, 2 Year Term



Republican Ballot

There are no Republican Candidates



Allegheny County Website

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/Elections>

Information Available:

[Mail-in and Absentee Voting / Ballot Return Sites](#)

[Military and Overseas Voting](#)

[Sample Ballots](#)

[Track Your Ballot](#)

[Find Your Polling Place](#)

[Voter Registration](#)

[Election Results](#)

**Elections Division
County Office Building
542 Forbes Avenue, Room 312
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone: 412-350-4500**

Polling places are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Anyone in line as of 8:00pm on Election Day will be allowed to vote.

First time and newly registered voters will be asked to show an approved form of ID upon arrival to the polling place.



Ballot Drop Off Locations and Times

Avalon Public Library
317 S. Home Avenue
Avalon, PA 15202

Friday 10/31/2025 / Monday 11/03/2025
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

OR

Saturday 11/01/2025 / Sunday 11/02/2025
9:00am - 5:00pm



**Please check the website for various dates and times for the
North Park Ice Rink and the County Office Building:**

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/Elections>

The North Park Ice Rink
1200 Pearce Mill Rd, Wexford, PA 15090

Elections Division
County Office Building
542 Forbes Avenue, Room 312
Pittsburgh, PA 15219



Mail In Ballots

[https://www.alleghenycounty.us/
Government/Elections](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/Elections)

Important Information

★ Postmarks No Longer Apply-

Ballots must be **received** by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

★ A ballot submitted without a secrecy envelope, unsigned or inside an incorrectly dated declaration envelope will not be counted.

★ Mail-in and absentee ballots will not be forwarded to a second address through the mail.

Returning Mail In Ballots

Where to Return Your Ballot

[**https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/
Elections/Ballot-Return-Sites**](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/Elections/Ballot-Return-Sites)

Step 1. Complete the Paper Ballot

Follow the instructions to complete the ballot, in **blue** or **black** ink only.



Returning Mail In Ballots Continued

Step 2. Use the Secrecy Envelope

Once the ballot is completed, place the completed ballot into the provided secrecy envelope. ***Do not*** mark the secrecy envelope.

Step 3. Stuff and Sign the Declaration Envelope

Place the secrecy envelope inside of the declaration envelope. The declaration envelope must be signed and dated with the date the ballot was completed and sealed inside the envelope.

Step 5. Add a Stamp and Mail the Envelope

The ballot will not be processed without the appropriate postage.

Please refer to the Allegheny County Site with any questions regarding clarity of the Mail In Process



[https://www.alleghenycounty.us/
Government/Elections](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Government/Elections)