

# NEWSLETTER

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What's happening in Avalon? *The Apple* lets residents know the cool and positive events that have happened, are happening or will be happening.

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# **Welcome to The Apple!**

**Welcome to the inaugural edition of The Apple!  
Creating a newsletter has been a goal of the  
Borough Administrative Office that has come to  
light!**

**The purpose of this online newsfeed is to serve  
as an information portal of people, places and  
positive things happening in Avalon. The Apple  
will be accessible via a link provided on Savvy  
Citizen and the Borough Facebook page. The next  
two issues will be available in September and  
December of 2023, and quarterly in 2024. Have a  
story or event that should be covered in a future  
issue? Please use the email below and let us  
know about it. We hope you enjoy learning about  
the amazing programs and happenings  
throughout Avalon!**

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# Avalon Public Library

**Putting the Unity in Community Through Activities and Programs!**

***All Together Now*** is the 2023 Summer Learning Theme of the Avalon Public Library!

We will be collecting donations for the Community Food Bank and the North Boroughs Salvation Army.

Visit our website for more information on the library and it's community programs!

**[www.avalonlibrary.org](http://www.avalonlibrary.org)**



Join us at the Fischer Minter Community Center for programs designed for school-age children this summer from 1:00-5:00 pm to take part in the daily themed activity.



**Make It Monday (Crafts)**  
**Technology Tuesday (Robotics & Coding)**  
**Wacky Wednesday (Free Time)**  
**Theater Thursday (Movies)**  
**Foundation Friday (Building and LEGO'S)**



# Salvation Army

Avalon Borough is home to the North Boro Corps of the Salvation Army. Lieutenant Kelly Melfi and Lieutenant Tyler Melfi run the facility and welcome all who enter through their doors with warmth, dignity, and kindness. The Salvation Army offers inclusive programs that are geared toward children through senior citizens. They can meet the needs of the community that government entities cannot due to freedom from certain restrictions and an amazing volunteer base!

During tragic events, such as fires, the Salvation Army is the first point of contact with the Red Cross in helping victims with housing, clothing, and food.

Lt. Tyler Melfi, a talented artist, will airbrush a person or pet on t-shirts, and create banners, etc...in the Art Shop for a donation to the church.

The Avalon location of the Salvation Army is located at 327 South Home Avenue. Weekly hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's best to call for an appointment, (412) 415-1726.

# **The Amazing Ways the Salvation Army Serves Communities:**



**Sunday 11:00am Church Services**

**Monday - Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm Food Pantry**

**Wednesday 5:00-7:00pm *Community Gathering Meal***

**Thursday 11:00am Tram to Kuhn's**

**Food Insecurity Solutions**

**Assistance & Referral Services**

**Addiction Recovery**

**Low Cost Counseling**

**Food Drives & Holiday Meals Offered**

**Christmas Toy Drive & Christmas Gift Drive for Seniors**

**Summer Lunch Program for Youth**

**School Supplies**

**Distribution Community Outreach**

**\*To learn more about the programs above, please  
call (412) 415-1726**





# Avalon Pool 2023 Season

## Opening Weekend May 27th

- Weekends Only May 27th - June 9th  
Hours: Noon - 6:00 PM
- June 10th - August 20th Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
11:30 AM - 7:30 PM
- Saturday & Sunday Hours: Noon - 6:00 PM
- Pool Passes and Party Package details are  
available at <https://www.boroughofavalon.org/>  
or call the Administrative Office at  
(412) 761-5820

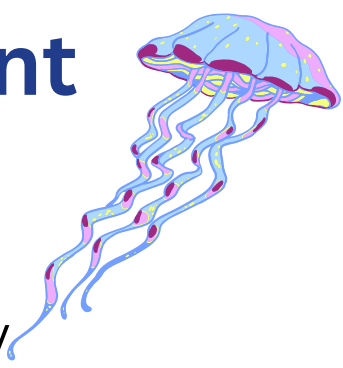


**All pool passes purchased online must be picked up at the  
Avalon Borough Building located at 640 California Avenue  
15202. Hours are Monday - Friday from**

**8:00am - 4:00pm. The Borough Building will be closed Monday,  
May 29th for Memorial Day.**

**The pool will be open on Memorial Day Noon - 6:00pm**

# Avalon Elementary Student Designs 2023 Pool Pass!



Congratulations to Avalon Elementary student, ***Dalton Mack***, for winning the Borough of Avalon's Pool Pass Design Contest! Avalon Council chose Dalton's design from the many amazing entries submitted by the school's talented artists. Dalton will receive free pool passes for his family to enjoy all summer. Way to Create Dalton!

**Dalton Mack is presented with his Certificate of Appreciation and Pool Passes from Mayor Jackson at the May 2023 Council Meeting**



**Dalton's award winning *Jellyfish* design for the 2023 summer season!**

# Avalon's Finest Retires



## A Goodbye Message from Officer Craig Cannella



**Good day!**

**After 32 years in law enforcement, 31 of those with Avalon Borough, I will be retiring on June 7, 2023.**

**While with Avalon I have served under three different police chiefs, three different borough managers, numerous council persons, two of which have been serving the community longer than I have. I have worked alongside many fine police officers, fireman, and emergency medical personnel. I have also seen the building of our new municipal building/police station along with many other improvements in the borough. I would say I have stood the test of time!**

**While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I know I will miss the community I served, the progress we have achieved, and the friends I have made. I have always tried my best to be a productive and dedicated public servant to the citizens of Avalon Borough. I have enjoyed serving in the North Boroughs every one of those 32 years. Not every one of those days was an enjoyable one, but they were all fulfilling.**

**Being a police officer required tremendous sacrifice on the part of my family. I am thankful for their understanding and their support throughout these years! I am looking forward to spending quality time with them and together exploring future opportunities! I will keep the employees and residents of Avalon in my thoughts and prayers and wish them all many safe and healthy years to come.**

**Good day!**

**Craig M. Cannella, Patrolman**



# Northgate Stages

## “Newsies” to Mark Music Director’s Final Show



Northgate Middle/High School presented its rendition of the Broadway musical “Newsies” at the end of April. The spring musical took audiences back to the turn of the 20th century for a story about the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City.

The show was the 20th and final spring musical directed by Karen Klicker, a retired Avalon teacher. Klicker led nearly 70 students in the production, including those involved in lighting, construction, scenic arts, and stage crews.



Preparations for the show began in October and relied on a strong commitment from the cast and crew.

“These students are to be commended,” Klicker said. “It’s really a tribute to the parents and family members who support these children with everything from transportation and supplying them with meals, and time away from home.”



## Northgate Serving as a Model in Education Through ‘Lighthouse’ Designation

**The Northgate School District is serving as a model of positive change in education following its designation as a “Lighthouse Demonstration System” by the School Superintendents Association (AASA).**

**The district was one of eight in the nation to receive the honorary designation in December for its success providing student-centered, equity-focused education. Northgate has been redesigning education with a variety of initiatives, ranging from its increased focus on the emotional health of students through the Chill Project, to its reshaping of learning environments through projects like its Innovation Lab at the Allegheny General Hospital Suburban Campus. The practices that landed Northgate with the “Lighthouse” tile are on display during the annual Remake Learning Days festivities in the region throughout May, including during the district’s Student Showcase of Excellence on May 25 at the Northgate Middle High School.**








## **Avalon's Hidden Gem, The Stone Soup Garden**

Nestled off the corner of S. Chestnut and Hemlock lies an unassuming fenced lot which is home to the Stone Soup Garden. Our hardworking DPW Crew created the space and built the twelve garden plots for Avalon residents to engage in their passion of gardening and to beautify the community! Contact the borough building in March of 2024 to inquire about the new growing season, until then, enjoy viewing the variety of flowers!




# Community Day Fireworks!

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 @ 6:00pm**



Council member, Lee Nelson and his hard-working team of volunteers will once again host the **Community Day Fireworks Celebration** at Avalon Park across from the Fire Station. Lee served as a volunteer on the committee and has been in charge of the event since 2016!

## 2023 Community Day Events

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- Raffle Baskets!
  - 15202 T-Shirts and Hoodies!
  - Be True to Your School and Support the Northgate Band, Cheerleaders and Football Players!
  - Various Food & Beverage Vendors
  - At 7:00pm 80's Band, **Hot Weather Holiday** will Keep us Grooving Through the Night!
  - Bring your Chairs & Blankets for  
**FIREWORKS AT DUSK!!!**