

## Town of Avon Spring 2014 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### EMERGENCY.....911

Police Department,  
Non-Emergency..... 508-583-6677

Fire Department,  
Non-Emergency..... 508-583-5361

Town Hall.....508-588-0414

Building Inspector.....x1022

Tax Collector.....x1012

Planning Dept.....x1017

Town Clerk.....x1013

Water Dept.....x1024

Board of Selectmen.....x1019

Board of Health.....x1016

Town Administrator.....x1020

Assessors.....x1027

Accounting.....x1021

Public Library.....508-583-0378

Council on Aging.....508-559-0060  
508-588-2391

School Dept.....508-588-0230

Housing Authority.....508-588-1847

Animal Control.....508-767-5259

### TOWN WEB SITE

[www.avonmass.org](http://www.avonmass.org)

### TOWN HALL HOURS

Mon.-Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.,

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Closed:**

Patriots' Day, Memorial Day and  
Independence Day.

### *Special Town Meeting - March 24, 2014*

A Special Town Meeting will be held on March 24, 2014 at the Avon Middle/High School Auditorium on West Main Street at 7:00. There were seven articles on the warrant as follows -

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and that there be transferred from free cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the use of said committee; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) account to cover unfunded retiree health and life insurance; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Public Safety Building Stabilization Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Public Safety Building Study Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand and Thirteen Dollars (\$236,013) to repay the remaining Bond Anticipation Note taken out for the Butler School Roofing Project (Article 22, STM May 3, 2011 - Debt Exclusion Election June 21, 2011), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to fund Phase Two of a study of onsite wastewater treatment for the Avon Industrial and Commercial Parks, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to fund a study of Avon Fire Department staffing levels, scheduling and call response of both full time and call personnel, or take any other action in relation thereto.

# RECYCLING INFORMATION

In January Covanta Company of SEMASS, L.P. awarded the Town of Avon \$166.50 in Material Separation Plan rebate payments. The rebate was based on amount of hazardous material turned in during Avon's take-back day several months ago. The goal is to reduce the amount of mercury placed in the solid waste stream. In all, Avon residents returned 35 compact fluorescent lights, 41 thermometers, 15 thermostats, 9 mercury switches and 5 blood pressure cuffs. While this does not seem like much, Avon far exceeded its larger neighbors. For example, Braintree received \$63.60 and Canton \$15.00. The City of Quincy, which a population nearly 23 times the size of Avon, received \$148.90! Per capital, Avon's response rate was close to the best out of the nearly 50 cities and town included in the program.

## THERE ARE TWO TEXTILE RECYCLING BOXES IN AVON AT THE BUTLER SCHOOL AND THE MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

The Avon Boosters and Avon School Association have partnered with Bay State Textiles to promote textile recycling and generate revenue for the schools.

Did you know.....every year in Massachusetts, over 520 MILLION pounds of textiles are disposed of at incinerators or landfills, of which 95% can be reused or recycled? Turn these textile throw-outs into revenue for the Avon Schools. Bay State Textiles pays a rebate to the schools of \$100 per ton for unwanted textiles. Textile recycling has become just as important as bottle, can, and paper recycling. Donated items are accepted in any condition as long as they are clean and dry, Bay State Textiles takes "the good, the bad and the ugly." Visit [baystatetextiles.com](http://baystatetextiles.com) for a list of acceptable items including clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, linens and stuffed animals. Keeping these items out of the trash will also help to reduce the trash tipping fees in Avon. Statistics say the average American discards 70 pounds of textiles a year, in Avon that equates to 152 tons. When cleaning out your closets, redecorating or getting rid of the childhood stuffed animals, support the Avon Schools!!!



### Paper and Cardboard



flatten cardboard | staples, tape, envelope windows ok

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### Plastics (#1-7), Glass, Metal Cans, and Aluminum Foil



plastic containers must have recycling symbol

### DO NOT INCLUDE:



food & beverage residue



plastic bags



foam



napkins, tissues or paper towels



wax paper or lined cardboard



plastic utensils

## UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">Mar. 19</div> Last day to register for Annual Town Election Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">Mar. 20</div> <i>Selectman's Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall  Review of Special Town Meeting Questions	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">Mar. 24</div> <i>Special Town Meeting</i>  See information on page 1
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">April 8</div> <i>Annual Town Election</i>  7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">April 25</div> <i>Arbor Day Celebration</i>  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     WINTER PARKING BAN ENDS APRIL 15, 2104                 </div>	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">May 1</div> <i>Taxes Due</i>
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">May 6</div> <i>Annual Town Meeting</i>  7:30 p.m.	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">THANK YOU</div> <p>The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Blue Hills Regional Voc-Tech for its assistance in repairing the cupola that sits atop of the Police/Fire station. Blue Hills is undertaking this project as part of its carpentry courses and several students, led by Bob Foley, will make the repairs this spring. The Town will only need to cover the costs of materials.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p>Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti donated four computers to the Town of Avon this winter. They will be formatted and installed for use by patrons of the Avon Senior Center.</p>	
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 5px;">May 17</div> <i>Bulk Trash Collection</i>		

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library has discount Boston Celtics tickets available for several games in March. March 14 at 7:05 and 16 at 3:05, The Providence Bruins are hosting an Avon Night/Day at their games at The Dunk. Tickets are half-price at \$17.00 each. A fun time for the whole family. Call the Library for more information on both of these events.

### DOG LICENSES INFO

Dog license are due January 1st each year. All dogs must be registered by May 31st of each year. Owners will be fined an additional \$25.00 if late. Proof of current rabies and proof of neutering or spaying (if applicable) are required before the license can be issued.

### TAX INFO

Avon taxes are quarterly and payable on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. If the due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday the bill is due on the Monday following the weekend.

### Town of Avon Spring Cleanup

On May 10, 2014 students, parents, business owners, and other residents will gather to give the town of Avon, Massachusetts a thorough spring cleaning. Volunteers will fan out across town to pick up the trash that litters our roadsides, parks, schools, and other public areas.

Avon's volunteers will join millions of others from across the nation in the Great American Cleanup between March 1 and May 31. Keep America Beautiful <<http://www.keepmansfieldbeautiful.com/kab.org>> , the organization that created the Great American Cleanup, expects 3 million volunteers will participate in 30,000 community improvement activities and educational workshops in 17,000 communities nationwide this year. Activities include removing litter, beautifying parks, organizing a recycling or graffiti removal program, and other projects.

Efforts will be coordinated through Heath Agent Tara Tradd. If you are interested in volunteering your time please call her at 580-588-0414 x 1016 for more information.

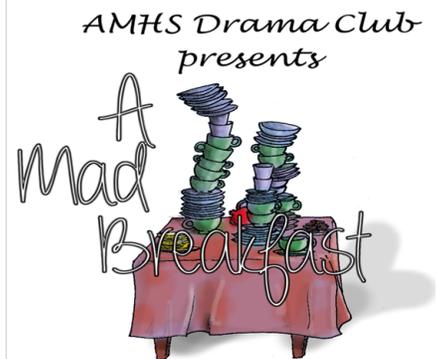
# Avon School News

## Avon Middle High School takes Second Place in Academic Decathlon Meet

Avon Middle-High School's academic decathlon team took home second place in last weekend's regional Academic Decathlon meet at North Reading High School. Avon competed against 12 other high school teams on their knowledge of art, economics, language and literature, math, music, science, and social science. Several of the 17 students from Avon earned individual medals, according to coach Tricia London. Fabienne Dessalines was Avon's highest scorer and won a gold medal in the language and literature category, as well as a silver in art and honorable mentions in economics, music, and science. In total, the team earned 11 honorable mentions, four medals, and two plaques. Ms. London has coached the Academic Decathlon team for eight years and last year the team qualified for the state finals, missing this year by just a few points.

## Avon Middle-High School Drama Club Attends High School Drama Festival at Emerson College

On Saturday, January 25th the AMHS Drama Club performed the short comedy "A Mad Breakfast" at the Emerson College High School Drama Festival. Although the festival was not a competition, awards were given, and the AMHS team won three! Nicole Patri won for Outstanding Stage Management. Jillian Neault won for Outstanding Acting, and Delaney Ingalls also won for Outstanding Acting (and "inspired reacting").



## Butler Elementary School "Principles of Learning Mural"

For the past few months, the students and staff of the Butler Elementary School have been planning, designing and painting a Forty Eight foot mural, depicting the Five Principles of Learning. Under the guidance of artist David Fichter, and with the assistance of art teacher Jill Gosselin, all students had the opportunity to paint. The Five Principles of Learning are; Motivation Matters, Effort Produces Achievement, Learning Takes Time, We Learn With and Through Others, and Learning is About Making Connections. The Project was funded jointly by the Butler Parent Organization (ASA) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. A Grand Unveiling ceremony was held on February 6, 2014.



Before



After