



TOWN OF AVON SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Police Department	508-583-6677
Fire Department	508-583-5361
Town Hall	508-588-0414
Accountant	x1031
Assessors	x1027
Board of Health	x1016
Board of Selectmen	x1019
Building Inspector	x1022
Department of Public Works	x1024
Planning Department	x1017
Tax Collector	x1012
Town Administrator	x1020
Town Clerk	x1013
Public Library	508-583-0378
Council on Aging	508-559-0060
School Department	508-588-0230
Housing Authority	508-588-1847
Animal Control	508-767-5259

TOWN WEB SITE

www.avon-ma.gov

TOWN HALL HOURS

Mon. – Wed. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closed:

Patriots' Day & Memorial Day

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 12, 2016

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Mary T. McDermott Meeting Room at the Avon Town Hall between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registered voters for the Town are invited to cast their votes for candidates in the following offices: one Selectman for a three year term, one Assessor for a three year term, One Board of Health member for a three year term, one Planning Board member for a five year term, two School Committee members for a three year term, one Library Trustee for a three year term, two Housing Authority members for a five year term, one Housing Authority member for a two year term, two Park and Recreation Commissioners for a three year term, one Sewer Commissioner for a three year term, one Redevelopment Authority member for a one year term, one Redevelopment Authority member for a two year term and lastly one Redevelopment Authority member for a five year term.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2016

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the Avon Middle/High School Auditorium on West Main Street at 7:30 p.m. There are 26 articles on the warrant that voters will cast their vote on.

[visit official website >](http://www.avon-ma.gov)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.AVON-MA.GOV FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

HELP WANTED

Assistant Cook for the Council on Aging

The Town of Avon is accepting applications for an Assistant Cook for the preparation of meals served at the Council on Aging Senior Center, as well as for home deliveries to residents. Assists in serving and cleaning of the kitchen and dining areas. This is a part-time, non-benefitted, non-union position working approximately 15 hours per week at the rate of \$12.51 per hour. Please contact Human Resources Coordinator Shanna Faro for more information at (508) 588-0414 x 1019.

Seasonal DPW Workers

The Town of Avon is accepting applications for seasonal laborers. Duties may include maintenance/repair of town buildings; parks and grounds keeping; roadside maintenance; and trash pickup. The position of Seasonal DPW is considered by the Town of Avon to be a seasonal position. Such employment will be limited to no more than the specific seasonal period and will not be extended beyond that point. Seasonal employees are not entitled to any unemployment benefits. This is a non-benefitted, non-union position that carries a rate of pay of \$9.94 per hour. Please contact Human Resources Coordinator Shanna Faro for more information at (508) 588-0414 x 1019.



GET INVOLVED – JOIN A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

The Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for new members. Interested persons should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

get involved.
join a committee.

THE TOWN OF AVON WELCOMES

Paul J. Sullivan, MAA
Assistant Assessor



To the citizens of the great Town of Avon. I would like to introduce myself to all of you that do not know me and others that know me, a warm hello. I grew up in Town, one of four sons of James and Evelyn Sullivan. I was a graduate of Avon High School, Class of 1980, and obtained my degree from Stonehill College in 1984. From there, I began a career in insurance working for a large insurance company for seven years. I was introduced into the real estate appraisal field in 1993 and continue to this day. While appraising, I was offered a position in the Assessor's Office with the City of Brockton in which I proudly served with

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distinction for fifteen years, being Chairman of the Board of Assessors for the past five years. After some fortunate turn of events, I had the opportunity to return to my roots and without hesitation, I have come back to the Town of Avon. I have nothing but fond memories of the place I grew up in, so it was an easy decision. I look forward to renewing old friendships and developing new ones. I feel it is an honor and privilege to serve the community. I want the constituents of the Town to know that my door is always open and if I can be of service to you, do not hesitate to stop in or call me at (508) 588-0414 x 1027.

AVON FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SIX NEW CALL FIREFIGHTERS



The Board of Selectmen appointed six new Call Firefighters to the Avon Fire Department. The Pinning Ceremony took place on February 18, 2016. Pictured from left to right are: David Martineau, Jr., Michael McNeil, Chief Robert Spurr, Selectman Steven P. Rose, Bethany Ramsey, Selectman Francis A. Hegarty, Selectman Robert F. Brady, Jr., Julie Burns, Kevin Murphy and Steven Mallett.

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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

The Avon Board of Health is sponsoring a Town-Wide Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students, parents, business owners and other residents are invited to volunteer to give the Town of Avon 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. Efforts will be coordinated through Health Agent Tara Tradd. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call Tara at (508) 588-0414 x 1016 for more information.



ADULT COLORING NIGHTS AT THE AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Avon Public Library holds Adult Coloring Sessions on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Avon Public Library is located at 280 West Main Street. For more information, please call (508) 583-0378.

THINKING ABOUT HAVING A YARD SALE?

The outdoor sales season is upon us. The General By-Law of the Town requires permitting of all yard, garage, tag, and estate sales. Please visit the Building Department web page for further details and permit applications or contact them by phone at (508) 588-0414 extension 1022 for the Building Commissioner or extension 1023 for the Department Clerk.



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOG

Dog Owners don't forget to stop by Town Hall to purchase your 2016 dog license. Avoid the \$25.00 late fee by registering your dog by May 30, 2016. Please remember to bring an updated rabies certificate. Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office.



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BULK COLLECTION DAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

- Bulky Items, furniture, boxes, large items are to be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- White goods, appliances & bulk metal – Call Howland Disposal to schedule a pick up at (508) 746-9600
- No construction material
- There is a \$25.00 fee for mattress disposal. Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's Office.
- There is a \$15.00 fee for television disposal. Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's Office.
- For more information, contact the Board of Health at (508) 588-0414 x 1016



BOARD OF HEALTH SPONSORS NEW "REMYNDR" APP FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Tired of forgetting the trash, recycling and other pickups? Ever raced to the truck in your slippers? That's why the Town of Avon has joined **Remyndr**, the mobile app that reminds you the night before a curbside collection. Simply download the free app "**Remynder**", enter your address and wait for the notifications. It works on Apple and Google phones as well as tablets.

MUSEUM PASSES AVAILABLE AT THE AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please contact the Avon Public Library at (508) 583-0378 for information on free or discounted passes to the following attractions:

- The USS Constitution "Old Ironsides"
- Mass Parks Pass-Free Parking
- Mystic Aquarium
- Edaville Railroad



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THINKING ABOUT A STORAGE UNIT ON YOUR PROPERTY?

At last year's Town Meeting the Avon Zoning By-Law was amended to clarify permitting for all exterior storage buildings, containers, canopies or tents.

On residential properties, the Building Inspector may issue a zoning permit for "Temporary Storage Units". These "units" would consist of, but not be limited to, utility sheds, membrane structures (tents), shipping containers, trailers. Structures such as those listed above being 200 square feet or smaller require a zoning only permit when installed on residential property. Any structure greater than 200 square feet still requires a building permit per the State Building Code.

On all commercial, industrial and business properties "Temporary Storage Units" require a Special Permit issued by the Avon Planning Board. For more information, please contact the Building Commissioner by phone at (508) 588-0414 extension 1022 or dial extension 1023 for the Department Clerk.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Did you miss the March 23-24, 2016 dates for Kindergarten registration? If any parents or guardians were unable to come to the Ralph D. Butler School during the registration days to register their child, they are asked to contact School Secretary Mrs. Cunningham in order to make arrangements for an alternative date to register their child. Students must be five years of age before September 1, 2016 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten entry. Information concerning the Kindergarten registration and screening process has been sent to the parents and guardians of eligible children according to the most recent town census report. Any new residents of Avon with children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September are requested to contact Mrs. Cunningham at (508) 587-7009 so that the registration materials may be sent them.

The following must be presented at the time of Kindergarten registration:

- Kindergarten Registration Form
- Student Data Sheet
- Interim Student Emergency form
- Home Language Survey
- Original Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Immunization and physical (completed by physician)
- Completed Health Survey
- Proof of Residence Form and Documentation (at least 3 items for proof of residency)

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VISIT THE HENRY LAWTON BLANCHARD MUSEUM

The home of Captain Samuel Robbins is now open for Candlelight Tours the first Friday of each month. The Henry Lawton Blanchard Museum will be open on April 1st, May 6th and June 3rd for touring from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tours are free of charge and open to the public. The Henry Lawton Blanchard Museum is located on 88 Main Street, next to the Police and Fire Station. Free parking is available in the public parking lot across the street.



DO YOU NEED A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM AND NEED HELP WITH THE COST?

For more information about the Septic Loan Program, call the Old Colony Planning Council at (508) 583-1833 and ask to speak with Jane Linhares.



IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

- Featured Article: Improvements to the Council on Aging
- Avon Civic Association Summer Concert Series Schedule
- Avon Civic Association Summer Family Fun Day
- Norfolk County Mosquito Control Information

COMING ATTRACTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

APRIL 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Selectmen's Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall	8	9	10
11	12 Annual Town Election at Town Hall	13	14	15 Winter Parking Ban Ends	16 Compost Site to Open (Weather Pending)	17
18 Patriots' Day Town Hall Closed	19	20	21 Selectmen's Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY/JUNE 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 Real Estate Taxes Due 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall	3 Annual Town Meeting 7:30 p.m. at AMHS	4	5 Selectmen's Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall	6	7 Town of Avon Clean Up Day 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	8 Mother's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14 Bulk Collection Day Items Curb-Side by 7 a.m.	15
16	17	18	19 Selectmen's Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Memorial Day Parade at 1:00 p.m.
30 Memorial Day Town Hall Closed	31 Last day to register dog licenses without late fee	1 JUNE	2	3	4 AMHS Graduation at 11:00 a.m.	5
	22 Last Day of School					