



TOWN OF AVON SUMMER 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:

Independence Day & Labor Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AVON MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES – CLASS OF 2016

A graduation ceremony was held for seniors of the Avon Middle-High School on Saturday, June 4, 2016. This year's graduating class consisted of 44 students. The small ceremony was held in the morning before proud parents and friends with speeches made by Superintendent Paul Zinni, Principal Elizabeth York, Valedictorian Faith Chege, Salutatorian Bhamini Shah and Class President Marvens Pierre.

Class of 2016

Wesam Adam	Christina Morris
Monique Alejos	Tyjuan Morton
Edward Asci	Jillian Neault
Derek Ballum	Gregory Neuvieme
Faith Chege	Nicole Patri
Matthew Clark	Justan Pierre
Trevon Crowder	Marvens Pierre
Witzer Dessalines	Jared Rocheleau
Daniella Dias	Robert Rubino
Gina Earley-Ashby	Benjamin Ryan
Sabine Etienne	Bhamini Shah
Vashti Etienne	Shannon Sinclair
Rodahn Evans	Phillip St. Hubert
Sasha Gagnon	Warren Sturdivant
Angelica Giannino	Evan Sturgis
Shawn Giannino	Jasmine Torres
Maryanne Gomes-Baptista	Sydney Vilbrun
Jeremiah Guerrier	Nikyla Vines
Courtney Hall Rhodes	Kaylyn Wauhob
Allison Isaksen	Max Williams
Blanchard Jean	Kristina Williams
Fabio Marcellus	Brittany Wilson

THE TOWN OF AVON WELCOMES



“I put people first and work hard to make sure we meet the needs of anyone who walks in our door or calls on our phone. Stop by any time and let us know how we can help make the Avon Council on Aging the place to go for fun, food, learning and adventure!”

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To the Citizens of Avon:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am originally from Dorchester, or as we like to say, OFD. I have been working in the field of aging for over 25 years and earned a Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Gerontology from the Davis School of Gerontology in Los Angeles, California. The focus of my career has been on outreach, advocacy and program development. I am deeply rooted in an extensive network of Massachusetts elder service and planning professionals. I put people first and work hard to make sure we meet the needs of anyone who walks in our door or calls on our phone. I have found the Avon Council on Aging staff, volunteers and the seniors who come in on a regular basis, simply amazing! We have a great team and community here already; which I plan to build on for many years to come!! Look for my “Around the Cracker Barrel” Avon Cable Channel 9 introduction where Bruce Lane and Jerry Picardi interview me for about 30 minutes. It gives you a good flavor of who I am. Please stop by 65 East Main Street (across from Town Hall), or call (508) 559-0060 any time and let us know how we can help make the Avon Council on Aging the place to go for fun, food, learning and adventure!



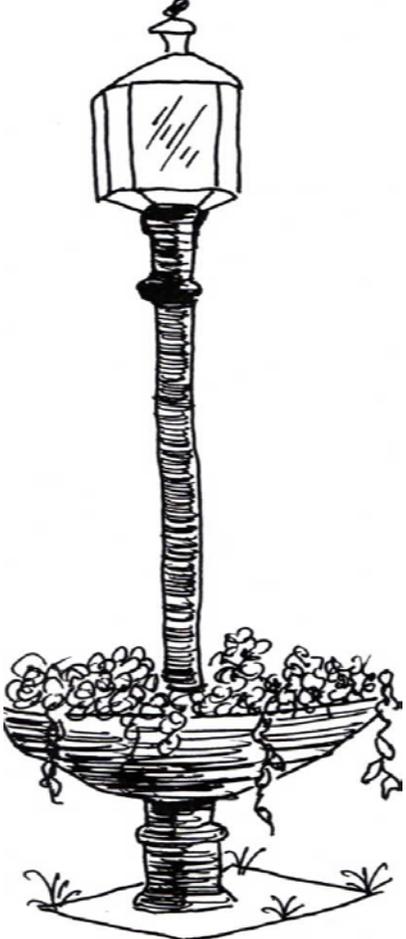
The Council on Aging van at the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

CURRENT EVENTS

AVON CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2016 SUMMER GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES

At Moses Curtis Park (rain site St. Michael's Church)

NEW TIME – Sunday & Wednesday's concerts from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wed. Jun. 29	<u>Alfie O'Shea</u> Sponsored by Waitt Funeral Home (Celtic music – Irish wit)	
Wed. Jul. 6	<u>Cross Fire</u> Sponsored by Mary Charron (a mix of country, oldies & rock)	
Wed. Jul. 13	<u>Thursday Morning Band</u> Sponsored by N.E. Ctr. Nutrition Educ. (country and oldies)	
Wed. Jul. 20	<u>Diminished Capacity</u> With Kevin Hayes Avon Co-op Bank (eclectic rock, Buddy Holly, Water Boys)	
Wed. Jul. 27	<u>Jumpin Juba</u> Sponsored by Steve & Paula Rose (blues, boogie, rootsy, rock & roll)	
Wed. Aug. 3	<u>The Vegas Valentinos</u> Sponsored by Modern Auto Body (original songs, classic & country)	
Sun. Aug. 7	<u>Dan and Mary Clark</u> Sponsored by Avon Co-op Bank (our home town favorites)	

FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016 AT NOONAN FIELD (BEHIND AVON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL) SPONSORED BY PARK & RECREATION & THE AVON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

There will be a free family fun night complete with an outdoor movie, bounce house, face painting, snow cones and popcorn on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The movie will begin after dusk but please come earlier for the other fun activities. Children must be accompanied by adults.



COMING SOON TO AVON

AVON TO LAUNCH NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM



The Town of Avon is happy to announce that the enhanced single stream recycling program will begin this summer! This summer, Howland Waste of Plymouth Waste will begin delivery of 96 gallon recycling roll carts to all residential customers in Avon who do not already have a 96 gallon recycling cart. The recycling carts are the property of the Town of Avon and must remain with the property at all times. What is most exciting about the program is that you will be able to recycle more than ever before – namely more types of plastics and paper, including junk mail. The program is also easier to use because customers do not have to separate different types of recyclables. Please do NOT use plastic bags – they are not recyclable in this program. Also, make sure that all items fit inside the cart. Customers are encouraged to flatten large boxes and jugs so these items take up less space in the cart. **Please place your recycling bins out on a bi-weekly basis.**

WHAT IS STILL OK TO RECYCLE?

Cardboard, newspaper, magazines, phone books, tin cans, aluminum, plastic bottles and jars and scrap metal can all be tossed into your new commingle cart together.

WHAT IS NEW?

Plastic tubs, pots and buckets up to 5-gallons in size, junk mail, milk cartons, cereal/cracker boxes, egg cartons, drink boxes, envelopes, printer paper and shredded paper. Please place shredded paper in paper bags – this will help keep the paper from blowing out of the cart or truck on windy days.

If you have any questions about the new recycling program, please call the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414 x 1016.

Customers should feel free to keep their old recycle bins; they may be handy to store recyclables and transport them to the new 96 gallon cart. If customers do not want to keep their old bins, please bring them to the Avon Board of Health.

COMING SOON TO AVON

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT AVON'S NEW RECYCLING SYSTEM

Q. When will the new carts be delivered?

A. The new, 96-gallon, rolling carts will be delivered over a 3-month period commencing this summer.

Q. What day will recycling be picked up?

A. The recycling date and your regular trash pick-up date will remain the same.

Q. What will happen to the 18-gallon bins we currently have?

A. Use them for easy transport of recyclables from your house to the cart.

Q. Do I get to keep the carts if I move?

A. No, all of the Trash and Recycling Carts are property of the Town of Avon and must stay with the property at all times.

Q. What if I have more questions about the recycling program or garbage pick-up?

A. Call the Board of Health at 508-588-0414 x1016.



Coming Soon...
Avon to Launch
New Recycling Program

Why Recycle?

- Recycling prevents materials that have economic value from going to waste.
- Recycling reduces the cost of our solid waste disposal.
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals.
- Recycling creates jobs. For every job collecting recyclables, there are 26 jobs in processing the materials and manufacturing them into new products.
- Recycling prevents pollution. Manufacturing with recycled materials, with very few exceptions, produces less air and water pollution than manufacturing with virgin materials.
- Recycling can save you money. The more Avon Recycles the more we save on Solid Waste Disposal thus reduces your property taxes.

SEASONAL NEWS

NOTICE OF EVENING AEROSOL APPLICATIONS BY NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District will begin the 2016 late evening ultra low volume (ULV) aerosol applications from May 31, 2016 through September 29, 2016, weather permitting. The Town of Avon will be sprayed on Wednesday evenings between sunset and midnight. The purpose of the adulticide application is to control nuisance and/or virus carrying adult mosquitoes. For more information, please go to <http://www.norfolkcounty mosquito.org>.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES PHASE 1 WATER BAN

A Phase I Water Ban has been issued. No watering will be allowed during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, watering is restricted to a handheld hose only.



YARD SALE PERMITS

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.

EXPERIENCING A POWER OUTAGE?

It may be because National Grid does not know it is out. National Grid is not able to tell if customers are without power. The way for you to help is by calling National Grid every time your power goes out – even if it comes back quickly. This helps National Grid's system to build a map of the outage and prioritize the outage based on the number of customers affected. The more people call, the higher the outage is on the restoration list. The number to call is 1-800-322-3223. Calling the Fire or Police Department does not help get the power back sooner, you must call National Grid directly for the system to work.

HELP WANTED

Seasonal DPW Workers

The Town of Avon is accepting applications for seasonal laborers. The primary responsibility of this position is basic laboring duties. Most hours are expected to be outdoors, typically in or around public properties, roadsides, parks and water facilities. Duties may include mowing grass, trimming shrubs, brush, roadside vegetation and lower parts of trees along sidewalks and streets, collecting trash from public spaces and roadsides, loading and unloading supplies, moving furniture, removing and replacing street signs and performing other routine duties as assigned such as indoor facilities maintenance and cleaning. 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. The pay range for this positions is \$13.14 to \$15.64 per hour. Please contact Human Resources Coordinator Shanna Faro for more information at (508) 588-0414 x 1019.

THE COMPOST SITE IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON

The Compost Pile is open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your vehicle must be registered in Avon. No Commercial vehicles.

- **Mattresses Box Springs & Futons Recycling** - Dispose of your old one mattress at the curb on Bulk Collection Day for a fee of \$10.00 per mattress and \$15.00 per box spring. You will need to come to the Town Hall and request a ticket to dispose of these prior to the next Bulk Collection Day. Also, many mattress stores will take your old mattress- ask where you buy. Or, residents can find drop off or pick up service at [Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Website](#).
- **TV's, Computer Monitors, and Laptops** - Dispose of these items at the Compost Pile. You will need to come to the Town Hall and request a ticket to dispose of these items. The fee is \$10.00 per item.
- **Air Conditioners** - Dispose of this item at the Compost Pile. You will need to come to the Town Hall and request a ticket to dispose of air conditioners. The fee is \$15.00 per item.
- **Washers / Dryers, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers** - These items may be disposed of on Bulk Collection Day for no charge or at the Compost Pile for a fee of \$15.00 per item. Please note that you will need to contact Howland Disposal prior to Bulk Collection Day to notify them of a pick up (1-877-667-9600). If you are disposing of these items at the Compost Pile, you will need to come to the Town Hall and request a ticket to dispose of these items.
- **Other items-** The following items can be disposed of at the Compost Pile at no charge: Stereo Equipment; Printers, Scanners, Copiers and Fax machines; Keyboards, Mouse, Video Games, Ink Jet Cartridges, Space Heaters, Christmas Lights, Toasters, VCR's, DVD and Wires and Cables.
- **Yard waste:** The following items are acceptable for composting: BRUSH less than 2" diameter, GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE: ALL BAGS, BRANCHES greater than 2" diameter, HOUSEHOLD WASTE, STONES, NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS!

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

JULY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day – Town Hall Closed	5	6 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.	7 Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Park & Rec Youth Summer Program Begins	12	13 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19 Last Day to Register to Vote for the State Primary	20 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.	21 Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30	31

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Real Estate Taxes Due	2	3 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Summer Gazebo Concert Series 6:30 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13 Bulk Collection	14 Family Fun Night – Noonan Field
15	16	17	18 Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	19 Park & Rec Youth Summer Program Ends	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 1 st Day of School for Butler & AMHS	1 Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Labor Day – Town Hall Closed	6 1 st Day of School for Kindergarten	7	8 State Primary Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.			