



TOWN OF AVON FALL 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 | 1031 |
| Assessors | 1027 |
| Board of Health | 1016 |
| Board of Selectmen | 1019 |
| Building Inspector | 1022 |
| DPW | 1024 |
| Planning Department | 1017 |
| Tax Collector | 1012 |
| Town Administrator | 1020 |
| Town Clerk | 1013 |
| 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:

Columbus Day, Veterans Day,
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL AVON REGISTERED VOTERS



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, 2016

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Avon Middle-High School. All registered voters are encouraged to attend the meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The Presidential Election will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in the Mary McDermott room of Avon Town Hall. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Early voting will be available from October 24, 2016 through November 4, 2016. Your vote counts!



WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

PRESS RELEASE ON EARLY VOTING FROM TOWN CLERK PATRICIA C. BESSETTE

We are excited to announce that all registered voters will be able to vote before Election Day for the first time ever in Massachusetts. Early voting will begin on October 24th and continue through November 4th, 2016. Prior to the enactment of this new law, the only way a registered voter was allowed to vote prior to Election Day was through absentee voting. Although absentee voting will still be available for registered voters who qualify, only those who will be absent from their city or town on Election Day, or have a disability that prevents them from going to the polls, or have a religious belief preventing the same, are legally allowed to vote by absentee ballot.

Unlike absentee voting, early voting is for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need an excuse or reason to vote early. Regardless of whether a voter wants to take advantage of early voting, vote absentee or vote on Election Day, the first step is making sure you are registered. To check to see if you are registered to vote, and to find information on how to register to vote, you may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. If you need to register to vote, you may do it online by visiting: www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. All you need is a license or an I.D. issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to apply online. To be eligible to vote in the November 8th State Election, you must register to vote or make any necessary changes to your voter registration by October 19th, 2016.

Early voting can be done in person or by mail. In Avon early voting can be done in person at the Town Hall, 65 East Main Street during the following dates and times Monday- Wednesday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM – 7:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. For public convenience, Avon has also decided to offer weekend hours on Saturday, October 29th from 8:30 AM- Noon at the Town Hall.

Also, registered voters have the option to request an early voting ballot through the mail. Simply fill out an application and mail it to 65 East Main Street, Avon. You can find the application on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele>.

Please note, however, once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

For the first time in Massachusetts, the first choice all voters will make is which day to vote. Early voting will make the most fundamental right of our citizens more convenient than ever to exercise. We encourage all of our citizens to exercise that right and take advantage of the opportunity to vote on their schedules.



INTRODUCING EARLY VOTING



For the November 8th General Election
the first choice you'll make
is which day to vote



You can vote early from
October 24th to November 4th
During Town Hall Hours
Monday – Wednesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM – 7:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

****EXTENDED HOURS****

Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 AM to Noon

**Avon Town Hall
located at 65 East Main Street**

Voting is now more convenient than ever and on
YOUR schedule



Questions: Please call us! 508-588-0414; we're here to help!

Email: pbessette@avon-ma.gov

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?



OCTOBER 9 – 15, 2016 IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – TOUR THE AVON FIRE STATION ON MAIN STREET

Stop by and tour the Avon Fire Station at 150 Main Street for their Open House on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during Fire Prevention Week. BAMS1 will be doing Narcan training as well. Interested in being a Call Firefighter? The Fire Department will also be hosting a recruiting drive for interested candidates. Employment applications can be found online at http://www.avon-ma.gov/sites/avonma/files/file/file/call_ff-emt_application_1-14_1.pdf.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE – SHARE AND SCARE! DONATE, SWAP OR TAKE A COSTUME

Donate a new or gently used costume for Halloween. Swap it out for one, or donate to someone in need! New or gently used costumes accepted until October 10th at Town Hall, Avon Public Library, Butler Elementary School and Avon Middle-High School. Come to Avon Town Hall and pick up a costume to call your own on the following dates:

Free Halloween Costumes in the Mary McDermott Room at Avon Town Hall!

Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



NOVEMBER 5, 2016 IS BULK COLLECTION DAY

- 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY ON OCTOBER 15, 2016

The Town of Randolph holds a Hazardous Waste Day each year and offers residents of Randolph and Avon a safe and legal way of disposing of hazardous materials. For more information on hazardous waste disposal or Hazardous Waste Day, please contact the Health Department at (508) 588-0414 x1016

The 2016 Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the Randolph High School Parking Lot from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

This collection service is for Randolph and Avon residents only and proof of residency will be required.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection



Fee Schedule:

The following items are accepted for a fee (cash check only):

- 10 Gallons (10 lbs) Hazardous Material
- 4 Tires (non-commercial)
- Unlimited medications
- Unlimited mercury bulbs (non-commercial)
- 2 TV/CRT's, TV/CRT except large TV's > 60" and consoles (\$50.00)

Sharps are not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Day

Residents who wish to dispose of sharps should go to the Avon Town Hall front lobby kiosk.

THE COMPOST SITE CLOSING FOR THE SEASON ON NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Compost Site located at 100 Wales Avenue will be closing for the season on November 30, 2016. It will be open that day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Compost Site will reopen in April 2017. Details to follow in the spring.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT DEMARCO PARK ON DECEMBER 11, 2016

This year's Annual Holiday Celebration will be on Sunday, December 11, 2016. It will be a fun filled event for the entire family! Do you own a local business or live near Main Street? Join in the holiday fun and decorate your property with white lights to celebrate the spirit of the season! More details to follow on the Holiday Celebration. Check out our website at www.avon-ma.gov for additional information as we approach the month of December.

ARE YOU A SENIOR? STOP BY AND VISIT THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Great things are happening at the Council on Aging under the new leadership of Director Gene Mazzella. The COA just finished a wonderful summer season of providing transportation for the seniors to the Wednesday night concerts at the gazebo and running a host of fun outside activities and local excursions. The Civic Center and Avon Fire Department each co-sponsored wonderful luncheons at the Avon Fish & Game pavilion. The seniors have also made use of the van to get out to vote in elections and participate in Town Meetings!

The COA welcomes Avon resident Tricia Pepe as the office Administrative Assistant. Tricia is a wonderful addition to a fantastic host of staff, board members and volunteers that help make the COA a success!

Looking forward, the COA is working with area agencies to bring forward Age-Friendly and Dementia Friendly Initiatives along with a "Seniors Count in Avon" outreach effort geared to connect with all 1,200 citizens who are 60 plus, caregivers and their families. This will be a multi-year program starting with the most vulnerable and frail members, who have become home-bound, isolated or alienated.

The Council on Aging is committed to helping all seniors live happy healthy lives in the community for as long as possible. We want to engage the active seniors who are ready and able to get out and have fun, at the same time, support those who need home-based services and assistance.

Stop by or call the Council on Aging to find out more information. Call us at (508) 559-0060 or email at coa@avon-ma.gov.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IS NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENTS



The Tax Office is now accepting credit cards for payment of real estate, personal property and excise taxes. Water payments may also be paid with a credit card. Credit card payments are subject to processing fees.

GET INVOLVED! JOIN A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

The Town of Avon has numerous vacancies on Boards and Committees. The following Boards have vacancies:

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| Appeals Board | Library Building Study Committee |
| Bylaw Committee | Library Trustees |
| Capital Planning Committee | Personnel Board |
| Industrial Development Commission | Redevelopment Authority |
| Industrial Development Finance Authority | |

Residents interested in joining a Board or Committee should write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or e-mail Shanna Faro at sfaro@avon-ma.gov.

get involved.
join a committee.

**CALL TOWN HALL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.AVON-MA.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit Our
Website

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Flu Clinic at Town Hall 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Library Artisan Craft Fair 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | BOS Meeting 5:00 p.m. | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Columbus Day – Town Hall Closed | -----FIRE----- | PREVENTION--- | ----WEEK----- | ---FIRE WEEK--- | Halloween Costume Shop at Town Hall 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Open House at the Fire Station 10:00 a.m. - noon | Sat. 10/15 Hazardous Waste Day at Randolph HS 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | Last Day to Register to Vote 8:00 p.m. for 11/8 Halloween Costume Shop 5:00 p.m. – 8 p.m. | BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Early Voting Begins – Normal Town Hall Hours SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT AMHS 7:30 p.m. | | | | | Early Voting at Town Hall 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | |
| 31 | NOVEMBER/DECEMBER | | | | | |
| Halloween Trick or Treat from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. | | | | | | |

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | Real Estate & Property Taxes Due | | BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. | Early Voting Ends – Normal Town Hall Hours | Bulk Collection Pickup – Place Items Curbside by 7:00 a.m. | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot at Noon | Presidential Election – Polls Open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | | | Veterans Day – Town Hall Closed | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | | BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. Registry of Deeds Avon Hours 9:00 a.m. – noon | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | | | Thanksgiving – Town Hall Closed | Town Hall Closed to the Public | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | Compost Site will close for the season at 2:00 p.m. | BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | | | | Holiday Celebration at DeMarco Park |