



TOWN OF AVON WINTER 2017 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:

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and
Presidents' Day**

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Winter Parking Ban is now into effect until April 15, 2017. Cars cannot be parked on public streets. Vehicles that interfere with removing of ice and snow from any public way of the Town are subject to a fine and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.



MOVE THE HOOPS

Please be advised that any resident that owns a basketball hoop that is in the road or just off of it, either permanently mounted or portable, is advised to move the hoop at least 10 feet off of the edge of the road for the upcoming snow season. If the hoop is permanently mounted, we are advising you to either remove the actual hoop portion or at least rotate the hoop away from the roadway. These hoops are considered a hindrance to snow removal operations and are not to be left in any area that the Department of Public Works plows. The Town will not be responsible for any damage to personal property (hoops, fences, mailboxes, etc.) if it is determined to be within the road layout during snow removal operations. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

WINTER TIPS FROM THE DPW

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

The Avon DPW wants to provide the best possible service clearing our streets of snow and ice. Here are a few tips to help our crew do their job:

- Medical or Police Emergencies – if you have a medical or police emergency, call 911 or Avon Dispatch at 508/588-6677. Ambulances and police cars can usually access any property under most conditions. Town plows will accompany if needed.
- Power loss – Please call National Grid directly at 1-800-322-3223
- Downed trees blocking traffic – Please call Avon Dispatch at 508/588-6677.
- Don't Drive - Don't drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains. You endanger your life, and the lives of others, including first responders and emergency personnel
- Parking Ban - The Town has a parking ban prohibiting cars from being parked on public streets during the winter. Vehicles that interfere with removing of ice and snow from any public way of the town are subject to a fine and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road if you use a private plow. This can cause a serious traffic hazard. You may create liability for yourself if there is an accident as a result.
- Trash - Do not place rubbish or recycling bins in the street during snow storms, as they will interfere with snowplowing.
- Mailboxes - Help reduce the possibility of a broken mailbox post. Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts; however, experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm makes it difficult for a driver to see a mailbox post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. Any installation within the right-of-way, including a mailbox, is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break the post.
- Raised Plows – Please don't misinterpret trucks running with their plows raised, or on standby. They may be waiting for salt and chemicals to work loosening the bond between pavement and ice, allowing effective plowing may be returning for fuel or may be enroute to another area.
- Calls - Avoid calling municipal offices during a storm for routine matters. Personnel are extremely busy dealing with storm conditions. It is best to keep telephone lines clear for emergencies.

Please Note: Sand for residential use is available outside the Highway salt shed. Limit 3.5 gallon pails per resident.

HELP WANTED

Part-Time Van Driver for Council on Aging

The Town of Avon Council on Aging seeks an as needed, non-benefitted, non-union driver to transport elderly and disabled passengers to various destinations within the Town of Avon and surrounding communities. The successful applicant will enjoy interacting with elderly citizens, and assisting them in transport to medical appointments, the Senior Center, shopping and other personal errands. Minimum qualifications include a valid Massachusetts Driver's License and evidence of a safe and satisfactory driving record, as generated by the Registry of Motor Vehicles; applicants with a CDL also welcome to apply, knowledge of local streets and community facilities; successful completion of CPR training, passenger safety training, wheelchair lift training and other BAT requirements as needed within 30 days of hire; and submission to the Town of Avon's Alcohol and Drug Testing Program. This is an on-call, as needed position which requires flexible availability and hours of not more than 19.5 per week. The driver will report directly to the Council on Aging Director. For a detailed job description and employment application, visit www.avon-ma.gov. For more information, please contact Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator at (508) 588-0414 x 1019. The Town of Avon is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.

Part-Time Recording Secretary

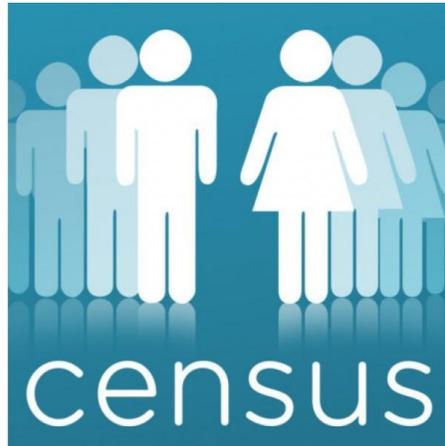
The Town of Avon seeks a part-time, non-benefitted, non-union Recording Secretary which requires attendance at various regular and special meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and any other meetings of other Boards and Committees that may be assigned, for the preparation of full and accurate minutes of each meeting. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and related experience in transcribing meeting minutes. Experience with public meetings and familiarity with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirements a plus. This position requires flexible hours of not more than 19.5 hours per week. Meetings are held in the evenings. The Town of Avon is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Interested applicants should fill out an employment application at www.avon-ma.gov and send to the attention of Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or e-mail to sfaro@avon-ma.gov.

Avon Public Library Full-Time Circulation Assistant

The Town of Avon seeks qualified applicants for its Grade OAL 2/1, Senior Circulation Assistant. Candidates must have a high school diploma, with an Associate's Degree or higher preferred and at least one year of experience working in a library setting. Performs activities at the circulation desk which include: checking library materials in and out, reserving and renewing library materials, collecting overdue fines, assisting patrons in searching and locating materials, and issuing new library cards to borrowers. Candidate must demonstrate excellent communications skills as position requires considerable interaction with the public. General office skills, to include Microsoft Office proficiency, are required. Experience with Sirsi System preferred. The work week is 30 hours per week, including some evenings and Saturdays. This is a full time, AFSCME union position with benefits. Starting salary is \$17.93 per hour. Interested applicants should fill out an employment application at www.avon-ma.gov and send to the attention of Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or e-mail to sfaro@avon-ma.gov.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?



The 2017 Annual Street Listing/Census information will be mailed out to all residents in January. If your Census is inaccurate, please update the information provided by adding, deleting or making changes as needed. Please sign and respond within ten days, even if no changes are necessary. If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-588-0414 or email pbessette@avon-ma.gov.

2017 DOG LICENSING

Three ways to license your dog:

1. In person at the Town Clerk's office.
2. Mail – Mail in the Dog license renewal that was included with your 2017 Annual Street Listing/Census. Renewal forms can also be found at www.avon-ma.gov.
3. *New in 2017- Process your dog license online www.avon-ma.gov

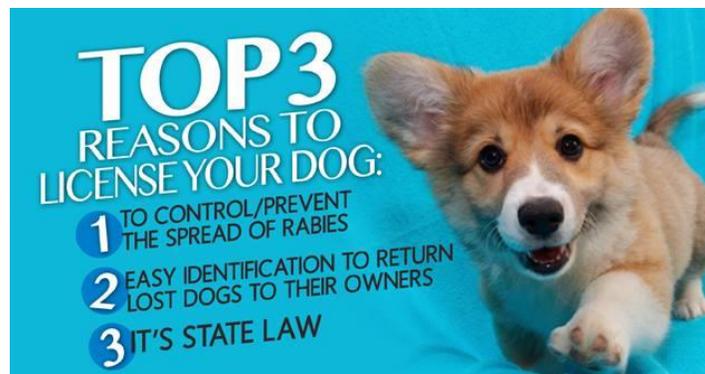
Save time- tags and license will be mailed to you! Online registration is available for dogs that **have a current rabies certificate on file**. There is a small processing fee for this online service.

Dog Licensing Fee is \$10 for neutered or spayed dogs

\$15 for male or female dogs

If you no longer have a dog, please contact the Town Clerk's office so that we can update our files, 508-588-0414.

All dogs must be licensed by May 31st each year or be subject to a fine of \$25.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ON APRIL 11, 2017



Nomination papers will be available on January 3rd for anyone intending to be a candidate in the 2017 Annual Town Election. Papers can be obtained in the Town Clerk's office Monday- Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:30PM and Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The local election calendar can be found at www.avon-ma.gov.

Offices for re-election are as follows:

- Selectmen
- Board of Health
- School Committee
- Library Trustee
- Housing Authority
- Redevelopment Authority
- Assessor
- Planning Board
- Constable
- Park & Recreation
- Sewer Commission

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Patricia Bessette, Town Clerk at 508-588-0414 x1013 or pbessette@avon-ma.gov.

Last day to register for the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 2017. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8pm. Residents can also register online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MAY 2, 2017

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Avon Middle High School. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting is March 22, 2017.



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BULK COLLECTION DAY IS FEBRUARY 25, 2017



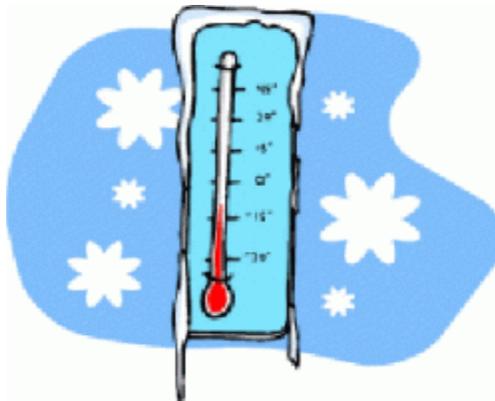
- Bulky Items, furniture, boxes, large items are to be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- White goods, appliances & bulk metal – Call Howland Disposal to schedule a pick up at (508) 746-9600
- No construction material
- There is a \$25.00 fee for mattress disposal. Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's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

THE COMPOST SITE IS CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

The Compost Site is closed for the winter and will reopen in April. Please check our website at www.avon-ma.gov for the specific opening date. The opening date is subject to the current weather conditions.

DO YOU NEED FUEL ASSISTANCE?

As the temperatures begin to drop, visit <http://www.mass.gov/hed/community/energy/cold-relief-information.html> for more information on fuel assistance.



THE TOWN OF AVON WELCOMES

Keith Nastasia
Assistant DPW Director

I would like to introduce myself to the citizens and business proprietors of the Town of Avon. I am very appreciative for the opportunity to serve the community as the Assistant Director for the Department of Public Works and I bring many years of experience to provide the needs and expectations that are required to operate a successful department. My work background has been in the field of public works, utilities and infrastructure for over twenty years and I hold nine professional licenses in addition to a bachelors' of science degree and technical certificates. I previously worked for the MWRA in the Pipeline Division (operations, maintenance and construction), for the City of Newton as the Director of Utilities, Southfield (former Naval Air Station in South Weymouth) as the Superintendent of Public Works and in the private sector building, maintaining and expanding infrastructure. I look forward to working with the staff employed with the town in all departments to keep the town running as efficient as it possibly can.



Kathleen Waldron
Board of Health Agent

Happy New Year to the citizens of Avon! I would like to introduce myself as the Health Agent for the Town of Avon. I am a graduate of Syracuse University where I received a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering. My career in public health began as an intern in the Middleborough Health Department. After a year of interning, I accepted the Assistant Sanitarian role with the Town of Stoughton. While in Stoughton, I was then promoted to Town Sanitarian where I held that position for over a year. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of the Avon residents and I look forward to building relationships with the greater Avon community. My office is in Town Hall and I can be reached at 508-588-0414 ext:1016, please do not hesitate to drop in or call.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 Tax Bills Due – Town Hall Closes at 4:30 p.m.	2 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. Last Day to Obtain Nom Papers – 5 PM	17	18	
19	20 ---SCHOOL----- Presidents' Day – Town Hall Closed	21 ---VACATION----- Last Day to Submit Nom Papers for Town Election 5 PM	22 -----WEEK----- -	23 ---WINTER----- -	24 -----BREAK-----	25 Bulk Collection Day – Items Curbside by 7:00 a.m.	
26	27/ 28	MARCH					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ash Wednesday	2 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall		
5	6	7 Last Day to File Nom Papers for Town Election	8	9 Last Day to Withdraw Nom Papers for Town Election	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15	16 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall	17 St. Patrick's Day Half Day Avon Public Schools	18
19	20 Spring Begins	21	22 Last Day to Register to Vote for Annual Town Election & Meeting – 8 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 APRIL
2	3	4 Warrant to be Posted for Annual Town Meeting	5	6 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall	7	8