



# TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>508-583-6677</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>508-583-5361</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>	<b>508-588-0414</b>
Accountant	1031
Assessors	1023
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
<b>Public Library</b>	<b>508-583-0378</b>
<b>Council on Aging</b>	<b>508-559-0060</b>
<b>School Department</b>	<b>508-588-0230</b>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	<b>508-588-1847</b>

## TOWN WEBSITE

[www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov)

## TOWN HALL HOURS

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

## WELCOME “Mr. E”

Hello Avon School Community,

My name is Chase Eschauzier, and I am the new Principal of the Ralph D. Butler School. I am thrilled to be joining this close-knit community of students and educators.

I join you all in Avon after serving for nine years as both Assistant Principal and then Principal of the Alden School in Duxbury. Prior to that, I was the Assistant Principal of both the Haynes and Nixon Schools in Sudbury. I began my teaching career in 2005 at Jordan/Jackson in Mansfield teaching fourth grade for two years before teaching for six years in the Milton Public Schools in grades 3, 4, and 5. All told, this will be my nineteenth year in education. It has flown by!

Prior to teaching, I was a graphic designer for an investment company in Boston. I have three children, all college students, and I live with “Mrs. E” and our two dogs, Comet and Cupid, in Braintree.

So far this summer, I’ve spent time meeting with staff, getting to know some students who are here for summer classes or the Park and Recreation Summer Program, and getting things set up for the new school year.

I hope to meet many of you very soon and I’m looking forward to this new journey!

Sincerely,

Chase “Mr. E” Eschauzier



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## SUMMER WATER BAN IN EFFECT

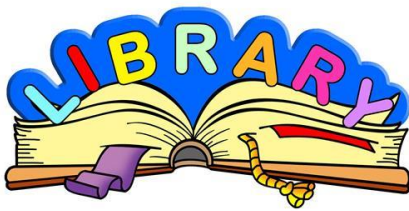
Please be advised that a Phase 1 Water Ban is in effect in the Town of Avon.

- All outside watering must be by handheld hose only during the hours of 5PM to 9PM.
- The use of all automatic watering devices and soaker hoses are prohibited.
- No outside watering is allowed between the hours of 9AM to 5PM



**Sprinkler  
& Irrigation  
Systems**

**Are NOT permitted**



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### Upcoming Programs

**Adult Terrarium Craft:** Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M.

**Reptile Circus for Kids:** Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M.

**Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party for All Ages:** Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 P.M.

To sign up for these, or any events, please visit our website please visit our website or scan the QR code.

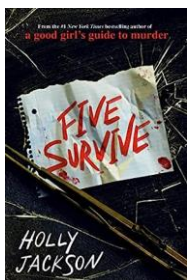


### Plimoth Patuxet

**Plimoth Patuxet** Museums brings to life the history of Plymouth Colony and the Indigenous homeland. August is the perfect time to take a trip down to Plymouth, and with our pass, you get admission up to six individuals at the reduced rate of \$16 per adult; \$10 per child ages 5-17. Visit our website to learn more about the pass, the location, and to reserve yours today!



### Recent Arrivals



**Five Survive**  
Holly Jackson



**A Most Agreeable Murder**  
Julia Seales

### Tech Spotlight

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### **Debra Morin – New Town Finance Director**

**1. What inspired you to pursue the career you have today?**

- a. I actually have a degree in Biology, but having a family kind of changed my career course. I was fortunate to be a stay at home mom of 2 (Ryan and Erin) until my kids entered school. I found a part time position doing office work with payroll and billing and enjoyed working with numbers. A friend who worked at Avon Town Hall mentioned that the Town Accountant position was open, and I applied in 1999. In 2014 the former Treasurer/Collector, Jean Kopke, retired and I applied for the position. I was just appointed as Finance Director to aid in the coordination of a finance team as I near my retirement in 2025.



**2. What is your favorite hobby?**

- a. I really love the outdoors and being active. I spend most of the winter skiing in the North Conway area. I grew up skiing and my kids and now grandkids love spending time outside on the mountain. A few years back during COVID we were able to buy a place in NH so are now exploring the hiking and waterfalls during the summer months.

**3. What's the next place on your travel bucket list?**

- a. I was very fortunate to be able to ski Europe for many years with a ski club out of Buffalo NY. My father-in-law would run trips the last 2 weeks of January whether you were a skier or not. I spent my 50th birthday in Zermatt Switzerland (Matterhorn) and skied 1 run down from the top. It was such a memorable day. We haven't been back since 2019 due to COVID but have a trip planned this year for my 65th to Mayrhofer Austria. In fact, my father-in-law who will turn 95 in February is planning on going with us to help run the guided tours.

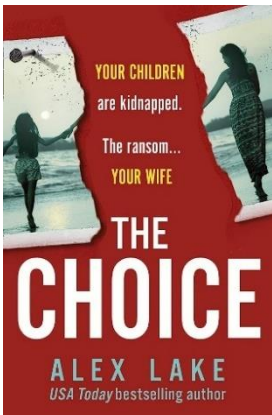


**4. What is your favorite dish to make/eat?**

- a. I love to bake. I always made homemade cookies and cakes. I loved making my kids birthday cakes and got pretty good at cake decorating. I still have some pans and decorating tips I use when the grandkids come and we love to decorate gingerbread houses at Christmas. The only request now is my Pistachio coffee cake that I still make every holiday or special event.

**5. What is the last book you read?**

- a. The Choice, by Alex Lake. I love to read but don't always have the time. Even though the book is fiction, it's about decision making. Whether right or wrong you try to make the best decision at that time depending on the situation. What would I have done in this situation?





## Randolph and Avon Household Hazardous Waste and Medication Take-Back Day

**Saturday, August 12 from 9:00AM-12:00PM**

Randolph High School Parking Lot, 70 Memorial Parkway, Randolph

**\*Proof of Residency is Required\***

**Remain in your vehicle at all times.**

### Accepted Items

- Flea and Tick Powders
- Lead-Acid Batteries (auto, motorcycle, security alarm, etc.)
- Medications (Keep in a bag, separate from other items)
- Tires (truck-\$12.00 each, car-\$8.00)

**Up to 10 Gallons of liquid materials such as:**

- Adhesives

- Antifreeze
- Aerosol cans
- Art Supplies
- Hobby Supplies (e.g. rubber cement, glue)
- Household Cleaners
- Insecticides
- Motor Oil
- Oil Based Paint
- Oil Filters
- Paint Thinner
- Pesticides
- Photography Chemicals

- Stains
- Varnishes
- Weed killer

**Onsite shredding services co-sponsored by the Bank of Canton. This provides residents with an opportunity to securely dispose of old financial statements and sensitive documents at no charge.**

### Do NOT Bring

- Asbestos Material
- Commercial, Construction or Industrial Waste
- Explosives, Fireworks or Ammunition

- Fire Extinguishers
- Infectious and Biological Waste
- Latex Paint (can be dried and thrown into municipal trash)

- Sharps (Can be brought to Avon Town Hall)
- Smoke Detectors
- Thermometers



**BULK  
TRASH  
PICK-UP**

**Next Bulk Collection  
August 12, 2023**

Compost Site  
Open Saturdays, Sundays and  
Wednesdays  
9am-2pm

**\*A limit of five (5) bulk items may be set out per household for collection.**

**\*All items must be at the curb by 7AM.**