



# TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

Volume 15

January 2020

## HAPPY NEW YEAR! UPDATE YOUR 2020 CENSUS

### 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	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
<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>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>508-767-5259</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>

### CLOSED:

January 20, 2020



## Census



The 2020 Annual Street Listing/Census information was mailed out to all residents the first week of January. Update the information provided by adding, deleting or making changes. Please sign and return, even if no changes are necessary. There is a new drop off box in the parking lot at the town hall, please feel free to drop your census off in the box. If you have any questions call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-588-0414 or email [pbessette@avon-ma.gov](mailto:pbessette@avon-ma.gov).

### 2020 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 2020 Annual Street Listing/Census. Renewal forms can also be found at [www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov).
3. Process your dog license online [www.avon-ma.gov](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> each year or be subject to a fine of \$25.

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Town of Avon values its employees! On November 22, 2019, the Board of Selectmen held the First Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony. This new annual event will recognize the numerous employees with years of service to the Town of Avon in five-year increments. For the first year, the Board of Selectmen presented over 50 certificates and pins to these hard-working employees.



*(Selectman Eric Beckerman, Kevin Foster celebrating his 42<sup>nd</sup> year of service, Peter Marinelli celebrating his 29<sup>th</sup> year of service, Selectman Steven Rose and Selectman Robert F. Brady, Jr.)*

## 25+ Years of Service

The following employees have served the Town of Avon for over 25 years: Alexander Campbell, Kevin Foster, Nancy Dunay, Lawrence Donovan, Stephen Hallissey, Glenn Fernald, Peter Marinelli, William Salter, Linda Farley.

## 20+ Years of Service

The following employees have served the Town of Avon for over 20 years: Francis Currie, Charles Comeau, Nancy Gjelsvik, Christopher Barbour, Michael Buccella, Dennis Collum, Joan Murphy, Dan Hart, Erik Hauvuy, Debra Morin, David Ogilvie and Robert Spurr, Jr.



*(Selectman Eric Beckerman, Joan Murphy celebrating her 21<sup>st</sup> year, Deb Morin celebrating her 20<sup>th</sup> year, Fire Chief Robert Spurr, Jr. celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> year, Selectman Steven Rose and Selectman Robert F. Brady, Jr.)*

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS CONTINUED

## 15+ Years of Service

The following employees have served the Town of Avon for over 15 years: Lisa Bimber, Stephen Gill, Carla Mazgelis Costa, Brian McCarthy, Jeffrey Tibnam, Michael Dombrosky, Matthew Doucet, Alex Sinclair, Joseph Aiello, Kenneth Baker and Daniel Wauhob.



*(William Salter celebrating his 29<sup>th</sup> year of service, Joseph Aiello with 15 years of service, Jeffrey Tibnam with 19 years of service, Carla Mazgelis Costa celebrating 19 years of service and Selectmen Steven Rose, Eric Beckerman and Robert F. Brady, Jr.)*

## 10+ Years of Service

The following employees have served the Town of Avon for over 10 years: Robert Borden, John Omar, Ann Fogg, Sheri Carney, William French, Doreen Gouthro, James Mclsaac and Christine Clifford.



*(Selectman Robert F. Brady, Jr., Robert Borden celebrating 10 years of service, Selectman Eric Beckerman, James Mclsaac celebrating 11 years of service and Selectman Steven Rose)*

## 5+ Years of Service

The following employees have served the Town of Avon for over 5 years: Christopher Miller, Charles Comeau, Jr., Michael Guilbault, Susan Monahan, Raymond Richard, Justin Murphy, Jane Carthas, Michael Theil, Shanna Faro, William Fitzgerald, Jr., Stephen Smith and Louise Hardiman

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Mary T. McDermott Room at the Town Hall, 65 East Main Street. The Town Clerk's office will be open till 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 as this is the deadline to register to vote or change party enrollment for the primary. There will be four ballots at the primary: Democrat, Green Rainbow, Libertarian and Republican. If you are enrolled in one of those four political parties that is the ballot that you will receive. If you are Unenrolled, "No Party", you will choose a party ballot on election day.



## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BILLS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

**A Change in Fee Structure:** Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, any bill that goes into the demand phase of collection after that date will now carry a penalty of \$20.00. Below is a summary of the changes:

<u>Tax Type</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>New*</u>
Real Estate:	\$10.00	\$20.00
Pers. Prop.:	\$10.00	\$20.00
MV Excise:	\$5.00	\$20.00

*\*This change does not affect the demand fee for delinquent/past due water bills, which remains at \$25.00.*



**Introducing a new option for payments:** Beginning in late November, the Town Hall now has a drop box in the parking area for residents to use when dropping off tax payments. The box is checked twice a day and all items received are processed as if they were received in hand on that date. Town Clerk Census and Dog License items can also be dropped into this new box. The new box is silver in color and has black lettering on its exterior...**About that 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Bill:** Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter will be due by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Typically, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter tax bill due date is February 1<sup>st</sup>, but because it falls on a Saturday this year, state law requires the due date to be the next business day following.

**A reminder about Excise Taxes:** The Treasurer-Collector wishes to remind residents that excise bills for 2020 will be going out in the next few weeks. This bill will be for the full calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2020) for any vehicle or trailer that you own as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If you purchased a vehicle toward the end of 2019, you will be receiving a prorated 2019 excise bill for the amount of time you owned the new car through December 31, 2019. Remember, YOU CAN receive two bills for the same vehicle but are for the current and previous year.

As always, if you have any questions, need updated balance information, or are unsure if you have an outstanding bill, give our office a call at (508) 588-0414, ext 1011, 1012 or 1015.