



TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

Volume 20

June 2023

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| 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 |

TOWN WEBSITE

www.avon-ma.gov

TOWN HALL HOURS

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| 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. |

TOWN HALL CLOSED:

Monday, June 19, 2023

JUNETEENTH
FREEDOM DAY
JUNE 19

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 2, 2023, at Avon Middle High School.

All the proposed articles on the Town Warrant were voted in

the affirmative by the majority. To review the minutes from past Town Meetings, please visit the town's website at: <https://www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/pages/town-meeting-warrants-results>

TOWN HALL MEETING



BOOKS AT BUTLER

The Butler School ASA purchased a book vending machine in the Fall using money raised from the Butler CARES Course fundraiser! Classrooms who collect tallies towards the Butler School CARES values of Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control earn a coin to use in the book machine!



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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Saturday May 27, 2023, we held our annual Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to all that participated including the Randolph High School Marching Band, the Cosmo Legion Band of Brockton, the Old Colony Model T Club, the local Girl Scouts, and Avon Youth Baseball. And thank you to all that came out to support them and Avon!



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Avon Civic Association 2023 Summer Concert Series Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

June 14 – Canton Legion Band Flag Day Concert

**June 21 – Alfie O'Shea & Eddie Dillion
Irish/Celtic tunes**

**June 28 – New City Cowboys
Country & Classic Rock**

**July 5 – Dan & Mary Clark
Hometown Favorites**

**July 12 – Jesse Liam Band
High Energy Crowd Pleasing Music**

**July 19 – Diva's With A Twist
Powerhouse Ensemble Pop, R&B Disco**

**July 26 – 4EverFab
Beatle's Tribute Band**

**August 2 – Dale & The Duds
50's & 60's Tunes**

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AVON CIVIC CENTER

The Avon Civic Association has completed its fundraiser to purchase and build a Band Pavilion at DeMarco Park. The 20 x 18 timber frame pavilion was built on May 10th. We would like to thank all the residents and businesses that contributed to the pavilion. This project took our whole community to make it happen. We would also like to thank T. L. Edwards Inc., Comeau and Kelly Construction and the Avon DPW for getting the site ready for construction and completion. We plan to have a ribbon cutting at our first concert.



Thank you for your support over the last 31 years.

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're hiring!

Seasonal DWP Laborer – The Town of Avon is accepting applications for seasonal laborers. Duties may include parks and grounds keeping, roadside maintenance and maintenance/repair of town buildings. Seasonal DPW workers will work under the general direction of the DPW Director. Physical effort is required for this position including standing, lifting, bending and walking on uneven surfaces. This position is considered by the Town of Avon to be a seasonal position in that such employment will be limited to no more than the specific 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 that carries a starting pay range of \$16.49 to \$17.32 per hour. Interested candidates should fill out a Town of Avon Employment Application and submit to Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or e-mail at humanresources@avon-ma.gov

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT – BOARD OF HEALTH

Meet Kathleen Waldron – Town Health Agent

1. **What inspired you to pursue the career you have today?**
 - a. My career really found me. I graduated with a Civil Engineering degree and was not sure what I wanted to do with it exactly. Being introduced to the Middleboro Health Agent, who offered to let me intern in their department, I was immediately drawn to the vastness of what the Board of Health covers and all the ways it impacts our daily lives without even realizing it. I worked in Stoughton as the Assistant Sanitarian for a couple years until I was hired in 2016 as the Health Agent for Avon.
2. **What is the last book you read?**
 - a. The last book I read was Tiny Fey's ***BossyPants***. It was a light and funny read when I was on vacation in March. My next read is going to be ***Are you There God, It's Me Margaret*** by Judy Blume. I don't read as much as I would like, but I listen to my favorite podcast ***Criminal***. It's about true crime and the stories of people who have done wrong, be wronged, or was caught somewhere in the middle.
3. **What is your favorite hobby?**
 - a. My favorite hobby in the summer is being out on the boat with my boyfriend. A lot of my time is spent with family and friends and working on a variety of home improvement projects. I also really enjoy working on jigsaw puzzles!
4. **What's the next place on your travel bucket list?**
 - a. I would like to visit Guatemala with my sister.
5. **What is the best concert you ever went to / last concert you went to??**
 - a. This is a hard question; I have enjoyed all the concerts I have gone too. One of the moments that stick out the most is when my sister invited me to go to the Wrong Party Tour with Breland, Andy Grammer and Fitz and the Tantrums. I had no idea our tickets were in the front row, very close to the center. Being that close to watch the performance was amazing and an experience I will never forget.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

On Saturday May 13th, the Board of Health hosted the annual Avon Community Cleanup Day. Thanks to the amazing volunteers, we were able to collect over 40 trash bags from all over Avon!



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The Compost Site is located at 90 Wales Avenue. Open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9AM-2PM. Identification must be shown. All tickets must be purchased beforehand at the Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon MA 02322. For more information, please visit avon-ma.gov. For questions, contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414x1016 or kwaldron@avon-ma.gov


| Item | Description | Fee |
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| Grass Clippings Leaves, Brush | Less than 6" diameter | No Fee |
| Electronics | Fax machines, stereos, radio equipment, propane tanks, cable attachments, e-book readers, scanners, wire, speakers, metal (non-ferrous), cell phones, telephone, tablets, printers, keyboard, computer mice, telecommunications equipment, VCR/DVD players, space heaters, servers, copiers, cameras, modems. | No Fee |
| Electronics | TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, microwaves, air conditioners (no commercial units) | \$10.00 Fee |
| Appliances | Refrigerators (must have doors removed), stove, dishwasher, washers, dryers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters | \$32.00 Fee for Disposal at Composite Site (Free for quarterly bulk collection) |
| Mercury Containing Items | Fluorescent lights, mercury items (thermometers, thermostats, batteries) | No Fee |
| Cardboard | Any cardboard must be flattened | No Fee |
| Batteries | Most single-use household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt), alkaline batteries, batteries that contain NO mercury (Can be disposed of in the weekly trash collection) | No Fee |
| Furniture | Couches, dressers, chairs, and other small items | \$32.00 Fee for Disposal at Composite Site (Free for quarterly bulk collection) |
| Mattresses and Box Springs | <p>Acceptable: Twin, double, queen, king, California king; traditional mattresses box springs constructed of metal, textiles, wood, and foam. Crib mattresses and memory foam mattresses.</p> <p>Unacceptable: Excessively torn, punctured, soiled or moldy items. Twisted or crushed mattresses or broken box springs. Wet or frozen mattresses or box springs. Mattresses or box springs infested with bed bugs or other pests. Futons, fold-out sofa beds. Mattress pads and toppers. Infant sleeping pads; air or water beds; any other furniture or textiles.</p> | If unacceptable and cannot be recycled, there is a fee of \$60 to dispose of each item. |
| Textiles – SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN MUNICIPAL TRASH | Tops, jeans, sweats, socks, coats, shoes, purses, belts, blankets, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, draperies, pillows | Accepted at collection bins located at the Compost Site, Butler Elementary School and AMHS. No fee |

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REVISED 1/5/2023

2022-2023 AVON Collection Calendar

 Holidays (one day delay)

 Bulk & white Goods

 Recycling

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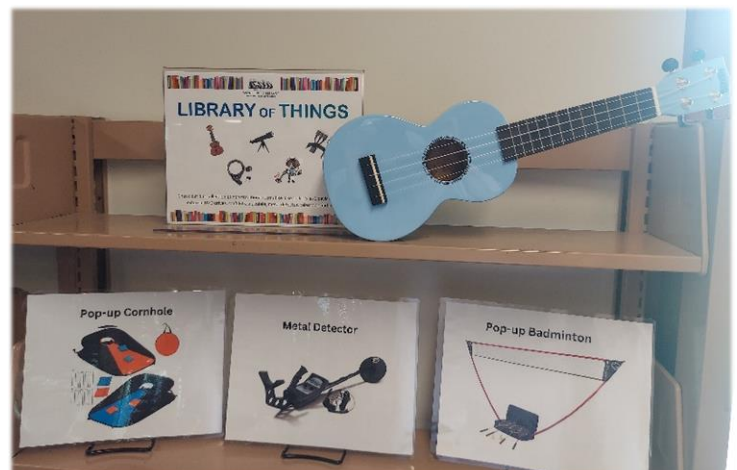
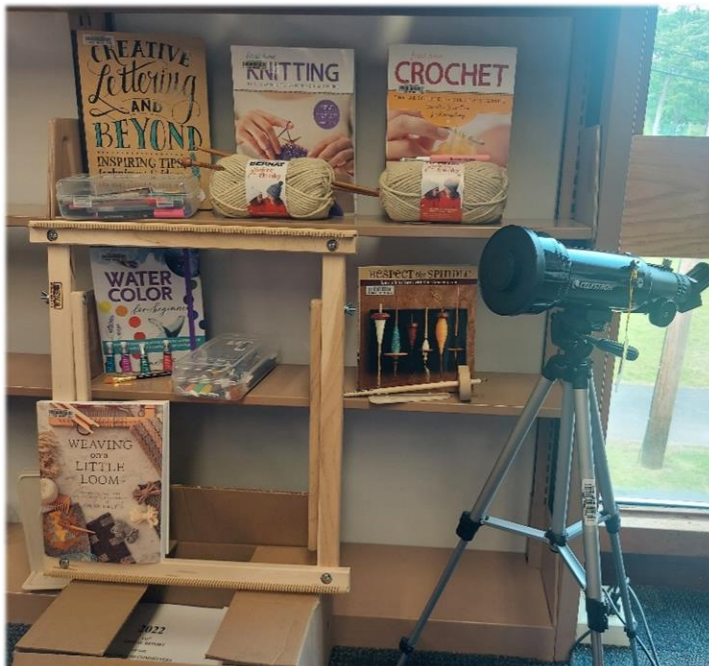
THE LIBRARY OF THINGS



Come on down to the Avon Public Library to explore the "Library of Things." With the warmer weather moving in, it's the perfect time for some outdoor fun. Come and check-out our pop-up Badminton set and pop-up cornhole set for fun cookout activities.

Gaze upon the stars with our telescope or go for a treasure hunt with our metal detector. If

you're planning a weekend getaway, make sure you reserve one of our Mobile Hotspots if you want to ensure your devices will stay connected. If you plan on settling in for the weekend grab one of our various creative kits. We have a portable loom, a knitting kit, Calligraphy kit, Watercolor kit, and so much more. We have so much to offer, just visit us at <https://www.avon-ma.gov/avon-public-library/services/pages/library-things> to view and reserve any of our ever expanding Library of Things items!



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What is the OCLN Library Crawl?

The OCLN Library Crawl is a collaborative program taking place from June 5 - June 17, 2023 between 23 libraries. All 23 participating libraries are members of the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) – a network which helps us cooperate and share physical and digital resources with each other. We encourage patrons of all ages to participate by visiting their local libraries, as well as traveling to discover

other OCLN network libraries within the South Shore and Cape Cod. Let us know about your travels and share your photos using [#oclnlibrarycrawl23](https://twitter.com/oclnlibrarycrawl23)!

How do I participate in the Library Crawl?

Stop by any participating OCLN library to start. From there, you can collect your passport or download a passport using the download link on the library website. Your goal is to collect at least 5 stamps on your passport by visiting 5 different libraries to qualify for a prize basket! To enter, clip your passport and turn it in at any participating library or submit your entry online.



SUMMER READING: FIND YOUR VOICE BOOKLIST

Books on our shelves to check out for our summer reading theme!

Adults:

Gone Girl - Gillian Flynn
The Bandit Queens - Parini Shroff
Win Every Argument - Mehdi Hasan
King: A Life - Jonathan Eig

Picture Books:

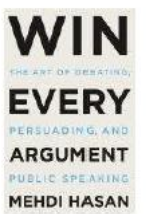
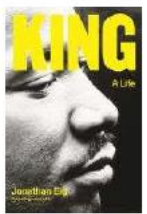
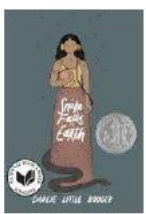
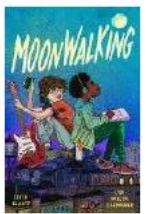
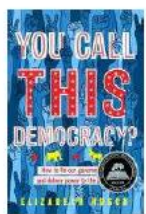
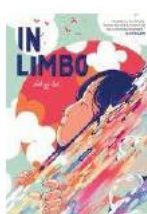
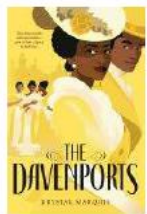
Ambitious Girl - Meena Harris
Mae Among the Stars - Roda Ahmed
I Promise - LeBron James
We Will Rock Our Classmates - Ryan T. Higgins

Teens:

Firekeeper's Daughter - Angeline Boulley
The Davenports - Krystal Marquis
You Call This Democracy - Elizabeth Rusch
In Limbo - Deb JJ Lee

Middle Grade:

Moonwalking - Lyn Miller-Lachmann and Zetta Elliott
Finish the Fight! - Veronica Chambers
New Kid - Jerry Craft
Climate Action - Georgina Stevens



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VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATION

On Sunday May 21st, The Town of Avon unveiled the dedication of monuments honoring Veterans of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. Remarks were made by Frank Hegarty, Rep Bill Galvin, and Eric Beckerman. Many thanks to the Veterans Memorial Committee, Avon DPW, Quincy Memorials Inc, and Avon Fire and Police Department.



WAY TO GO EMMA



Emma McDonald is the co-captain of girls' soccer at AMHS and she helped lead the Panthers this past fall to the tournament for the first time in 8 years, scoring 20 goals. She was the Mayflower league All-star, patriot ledgers player of the week and named to the second all scholastic team.

She will be attending UMass Dartmouth in the fall to play soccer and major in Engineering.





Archbishop Williams High School:
Grace Mottau, Cole Sweet

Avon Middle High School:

Joseph Aiello, Anya Allen-Parks, Austin Baptista, Quan Barbosa, Joseph Brown, Jessica Carson, Ted Charleceus, Bradley Charles, Grayson Costigan, Charles Dean, Shamire Delice, Shawn Denis, Kylie Doran, Jaime Durodola, Joenardie Fleuranvil, Lazarus Fontes, Raphael Gouthro, Miles Hollis, Melody Hubbel-Swain, Steven Hurley, Eugena Jacob, Burhaan Jan, Valencia Jean, Ryan Luddy, Emma MacDonald, Kamila Magomedtagirova, Ty Martinez, Nathan McAdam, Neveah McKenzie, Noelani Milord, Jariel Morales, Fadila Mouhieeddine, Cecile Muyamina, Katie Nguyen, Messiah Osias, Dahlia Parent, Jo-Annick Pierre, Tyler Pierre-Louis, Kiley Pomales, Jadon Rollinson, Jessica Salawu, Jessica Salomon, Jacob Sotomayor, Thomas Walsh

Blue Hills Regional Technical School:

Marvin Danier, Rylee Whiffen, Jolene Deane, Abigail Bagtaz, Matthew Cadet, Khayla Calixte, Amber Sawyer, Benjamin Murray, Amber Thompson, Bethany Bolanos, Makayla Desousa, Sofia Martelli, Gianna Pina, Katherine Small

Cardinal Spellman High School:

Sarah Bessette, Joshua Brice, Nia Brown, Lydia Meressi, Patrick Murphy, TJ Weatherby

To all others celebrating a milestone, congratulations on all your hard work. Many great things are in your future!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SELECT BOARD

To all the Avon Residents,

First, I want to start off with a BIG Thank You for re-electing me as your selectman. I am entering my second term and could not have done it without the support of the people of Avon. I take great pride in serving on the Board of Selectman and working with all the departments, boards, and committees that make our town the special place that Avon has come to be. I am proud of all the achievements that we, as a Town, have accomplished over the last few years. On April 29th, Town Moderator Frank Staffier held a Saturday morning "Coffee Hour" to help spread the word about the board and committee vacancies we have. The participation was better than expected and we were able to fill some of the vacant positions. If you are interested in a board or committee, there are still positions open, please reach out to our Town Clerk Patricia Bessette.

As many of you know, we had our Annual Town Meeting on May 2nd and with the help of the people of Avon, passed a balanced budget. A special Thank You to our finance team, led by Deb Morin, without all of you, this process would not have been as smooth as it was. Also in May, the DPW Water Division was awarded the "Public Water System Award" presented by the MA DEP. This is a tremendous achievement and could not have been done without the team effort put forth by the entire DPW. The DPW Highway Division and Water Division work extremely well together and are solely responsible for this award.

On May 13th, the BOH held our "Annual Clean-up Day", the participation was outstanding! Thank You to our Board of Health members and especially to our Health Agent, Kathleen Waldron for making this function possible and appear effortless. There are many hours of hard work involved in making functions like these successful, and Kathleen and her board make it happen every year. I look forward to seeing all the residents who attended, and hopefully more, again next May.

Lastly, I would like to send out a Special Thank You to Interim Town Administrator, Jim Purcell. Jim has helped with our budgeting process for the Annual Town Meeting, helped with various departments navigate through some challenging situations and taught us some things that will help us, as the Board of Selectmen, do our job better and more efficiently. Jim has brought many years of experience and knowledge to Avon and allowed us to utilize as much as we could over the last six months. Jim, you are going to be missed and we truly hope you enjoy retirement. But, like they say, when one door closes, another door opens and I believe that our next Town Administrator is going to do a wonderful job, as the people of Avon so deserve.

Sincerely,

Jason Suzor

Clerk, Avon Board of Selectman

Have any town related questions, send them into ssimon@avon-ma.gov and they may be answered in the next newsletter