



TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION



The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the Mary T. McDermott room of the Avon Town Hall at 65 East Main Street. Polling hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Residents are strongly encouraged to register to vote online at on the state website <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/>. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Wednesday, April 11, 2022.

GET INVOLVED! JOIN A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Have you ever considered participating on a Town board or committee? Currently, there are vacancies in several areas that involve a modest amount of time. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Avon, socialize with your neighbors, and give back to your community. There are vacancies on the Cable TV Advisory Committee, Capital Planning, Bylaw Committee, Conservation Commission, Industrial Development Committee, and Industrial Development Finance Authority. To join any of these committees, please draft a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. There are also vacancies on the Personnel Board, letters of interest for this board should be addressed to the Town Moderator. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk Patricia Bessette at (508) 588-0414. She can also be reached by e-mail at pbessette@avon-ma.gov.

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

TOWN WEBSITE

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:

April 18, 2022



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SPRING HOURS FOR THE COMPOST SITE

The Compost Site will have extended hours of operation for the spring and summer months! As of April 2, 2022, the Compost Site will be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Compost Site is located at 100 Wales Avenue. Identification must be shown. The site offers many ways for residents to dispose of items. There is now a cardboard dumpster, a metal dumpster, an electronics dumpster, a place to recycle mattresses/box springs, and a place to dispose of all mercury containing items. Below is a list of commonly disposed of items at the Compost Site. The next Bulk Collection Day will be on May 21, 2022. A limit of five (5) items may be placed out for bulk collection. All tickets for items with fees must be purchased at Avon Town Hall prior to disposal.

Item	Description	Fee
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	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	Acceptable: Twin, double, queen, king, California king; traditional mattresses/box springs constructed of metal, textiles, wood, and foam. Crib mattresses and memory foam mattresses. 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.	If unacceptable and cannot be recycled, there is a fee of \$60 to dispose of each item.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Avon is hiring the following positions:

Town Accountant - The Town Accountant, under the direction of the Town Administrator, is responsible for day-to-day activities of the town's accounting function as to maintenance of all financial records, accounts payable, internal, and external audit, compliance with applicable State laws and town policies, and maintenance of the Town's accounting system. The job requires thorough knowledge of municipal accounting laws, regulations, policies, and procedures as well as, extensive knowledge of GAAP, UMAS, and GASB regulations. Applicant must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance, or related field, with 5 to 7 years of related work experience; and at least 2 years in a municipal setting.

Council on Aging Volunteers & Activities Coordinator – The Town of Avon is seeking a part-time Volunteer & Activities Coordinator to provide support and supervision to the (COA) volunteers while enhancing program delivery and services to Avon's senior citizens, customer service to the public, and to support the office functions of staff members. Bachelor's Degree is preferred in Human Services or related field. Must have two to three (2-3) years of experience in the human service field; experience with the elderly preferred; or any equivalent and relevant combination of education, experience, and training. Must be willing to be CPR Certified. Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Public Safety Dispatcher – This is a part-time, AFSCME union position of Public Safety Dispatcher to receive and process emergency and non-emergency signals and calls for service. Dispatch police, fire, EMS and other emergency units and personnel as needed. Monitor and operate emergency signaling, radio, computer, telephone, alarm, and other specialized equipment in support of public safety communications and dispatch functions. Requirements include a high school diploma/GED, college degree desirable. Must achieve within the first 3 months of employment, or as soon as reasonable, based upon the availability of courses; CPR certification, CJIS operator certification and EMD certification. Work schedule includes a rotating shift between the hours of 12 AM - 8 AM, however hours /shifts are subject to change based upon needs of the agency. May be required to work rotating or fixed shifts on nights, holidays, and weekends.

Firefighter/Paramedic – The Town of Avon is accepting applications for a vacancy in the Avon Fire Department for the position of full-time Firefighter / Paramedic. The successful candidate will work rotating 24-hour shifts that will result in an average 42-hour work week over an eight-week cycle. Applicants must possess a High School diploma, a valid Massachusetts Driver's License, and a valid Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technician's Certification.

For more information about these open positions, please visit the town's website at www.avon-ma.gov and click on the Employment Opportunities tab or contact Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator at (508) 588-0414 x 1019 or e-mail sfaro@avon-ma.gov.

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FAREWELL CAPTAIN KEVIN J. FOSTER



(Chief Robert Spurr presents Captain Kevin J. Foster with a commemorative retirement gift at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 17, 2022)

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 17, 2022, Chief Spurr announced the retirement of Captain Kevin J. Foster after 45 years of service with the Avon Fire Department. Captain Foster began his career on July 11, 1977 and retired on February 19, 2022. Mr. Suzor gave Captain Foster a Proclamation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen expressing their gratitude for his service and declaring Saturday, February 19, 2022 as Captain Kevin J. Foster Day in the Town of Avon. Senator Timilty issued Captain Foster a Citation on behalf of the Senate. Senator Brady issued Captain Foster a Citation on behalf of Representative William Galvin and the House of Representatives. Chief Spurr gave Captain Foster a refurbished fire alarm system as a commemorative gift. Captain Foster thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that it was an honor and privilege to work at the Avon Fire Department for the last four and a half decades.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WHEN CALLING TOWN HALL (508) 588-0414

Who do I contact for questions about trash or the Compost Site?
Please contact the Board of Health at extension 1016.

Who do I contact for questions about a tax bill or other payments?
Please contact the Assistant Tax Collector at extension 1012.

Who do I contact for questions about a water bill, pot hole, or other related public works issues?
Please contact the DPW at extension 1024.

Who do I contact for questions about elections, dog licenses, marriage licenses, electrical and gas permits?
Please contact the Town Clerk at extension 1013.

Who do I contact for questions about abatements and property values?
Please contact the Assessors' Office at extension 1023.