



# 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	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>

## 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>

## TOWN HALL CLOSED:

**April 17, 2023**



# PATRIOT DAY



## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION



The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 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 Friday, March 31, 2022. Residents are strongly encouraged to register to vote online at the state website <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/>. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Town Clerk's Office by 5pm.



## DOG LICENSE

Massachusetts General Law requires that all dogs six months old or over be duly licensed and tagged. General Laws also require that a certificate of rabies vaccination be presented when licensing your dog. You can register your dog in person at the Town Clerk's Office, by mail, or online.

## LICENSING FEES:

- Dogs Neutered or Spayed: \$10.00
- Dogs not Neutered or Spayed: \$15.00
- 2023 late fee: \$25.00 (in effect after May 31<sup>st</sup>)

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## SPRING HOURS FOR THE COMPOST SITE

As of April 1, 2023, the Compost Site will resume regular hours and will be open on **Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Compost Site is located at **90 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 13, 2023. A limit of five (5) items may be placed out for bulk collection by 7am. All tickets for items with fees must be purchased at Avon Town Hall prior to disposal.



Keep an eye out for more information about **Spring Clean Up Day** this May!

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 (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	<b>Acceptable:</b> Twin, double, queen, king, California king; traditional mattresses box springs constructed of metal, textiles, wood, and foam. Crib mattresses and memory foam mattresses. <b>Unacceptable:</b> 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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## 2022-2023 AVON Collection Calendar

■ Holidays (one day delay)

■ Bulk & white Goods

■ Recycling

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October 2022

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November 2022

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27	28	29	30			

December 2022

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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 2023

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April 2023

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May 2023

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June 2023

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## BOOKS AND SO MUCH MORE AT THE AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY



We all know that if you're looking for a great book then the library is the place to go. At the Avon Public Library, we are always ordering new books to keep our collection fresh and relevant and to make sure we have what you want. But did you know that you can also download books onto your mobile device, for free, with your library card? Did you know that we carry an array of video games for the Nintendo Switch, PS4, PS5, and X-box?



Have you heard of **Kanopy**, the free video streaming service that we provide? We also have computers in-house that you can use to access the internet, as well as free printing and copying! Every month we host a variety of educational and recreational programming for all ages- programs like our weekly pre-school story time and True Crime Book Club.

In November 2021 the Avon Public Library officially did away with overdue fines, so now you won't be penalized if your items are a little late. The library is easier and more fun to use than ever and if you don't already have a library card then it's time for you to stop by and get one!



Check out our website [avonpubliclibrary.org](https://avonpubliclibrary.org) for more information on all our services and programs. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all the goings on at your favorite little library!

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## **EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Town of Avon is hiring the following positions:

**Compost Site Attendant** – The Town of Avon is seeking applicants for a Compost Attendant. The compost attendant is a part-time position through the Board of Health. Applicants shall be available to work Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday from 9am-2pm between April and December and Saturday from 9am-2pm between December and April. The Board of Health will consider more than one applicant to work different shifts.

**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. Applicants 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.

**Parks and Rec Director** – The Town of Avon seeks qualified applicants for its part-time Recreation Director. Performs duties specific to overseeing the programs sponsored by the Park & Recreation Commission including, but not limited to organizing, planning, and directing the Summer Program, seasonal events, and supervising the staff. Candidate must enjoy working with children and demonstrate excellent communications skills as position requires considerable interaction with the public. This is a summertime concentrated position and will require a larger workload during the Recreation Department's busy Summer Program schedule. Non-summer hours would likely average about 10-14 hours a week depending on the program schedule as well as the Recreation Commission and department head meetings.

**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](http://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](mailto:sfaro@avon-ma.gov).

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 to give back to your community. For more information on volunteering, please visit <https://www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/webforms/talent-bank-form-volunteer>.

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**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Motor Vehicle Excise Bills are out and due to the Tax Collector's Office

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Real Estate 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter bills are due to the Tax Collector's Office

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The Annual Town Meeting – check the website for up to date information



## **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.***



**Incorporated in 1888, Avon just celebrated its 135th birthday!**

