



TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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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.

TOWN HALL CLOSED:

Monday, May 29, 2023



ELECTION RESULT

On Tuesday April 11, 2023, 8.9% of Avon residents came out to cast their vote on the 16 open seats for Boards and Committees. Congratulations to the following: **Jason Suzor Jr.** – Board of Selectmen, **Jonathon D. Madore** – Assessors, **Ralph A. Jensen Jr.** and **Jeffery A. Tibnam** – Board of Health, **Jason L. Suzor Jr.** and **Tracy Self** – Planning Board, **Maria D. Piccirilli** and **Tracy Hutchinson Sheehan** – School Committee, **Sean Bastis** and **Frank P. Staffier** – Constable, **Judith J. Laneiwski** – Housing Authority, **Paul Chute** – Library Trustee, **Benjamin Paul Chapman** and **Lori Jean Fischer** – Parks and Recreation, **Robert L. Pillarella** – Sewer Commission, and **Paul Michael Garcia** – Redevelopment Authority

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Avon Middle High School. There are 21 articles on the Town Warrant to be voted on. For a detailed summary of the warrant, please visit the town's website at <https://www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/pages/town-meetings>.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATION

On Sunday May 21st, The Town of Avon will the unveil the dedication of monuments honoring Veterans of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Goeres Square, opposite the fire station.

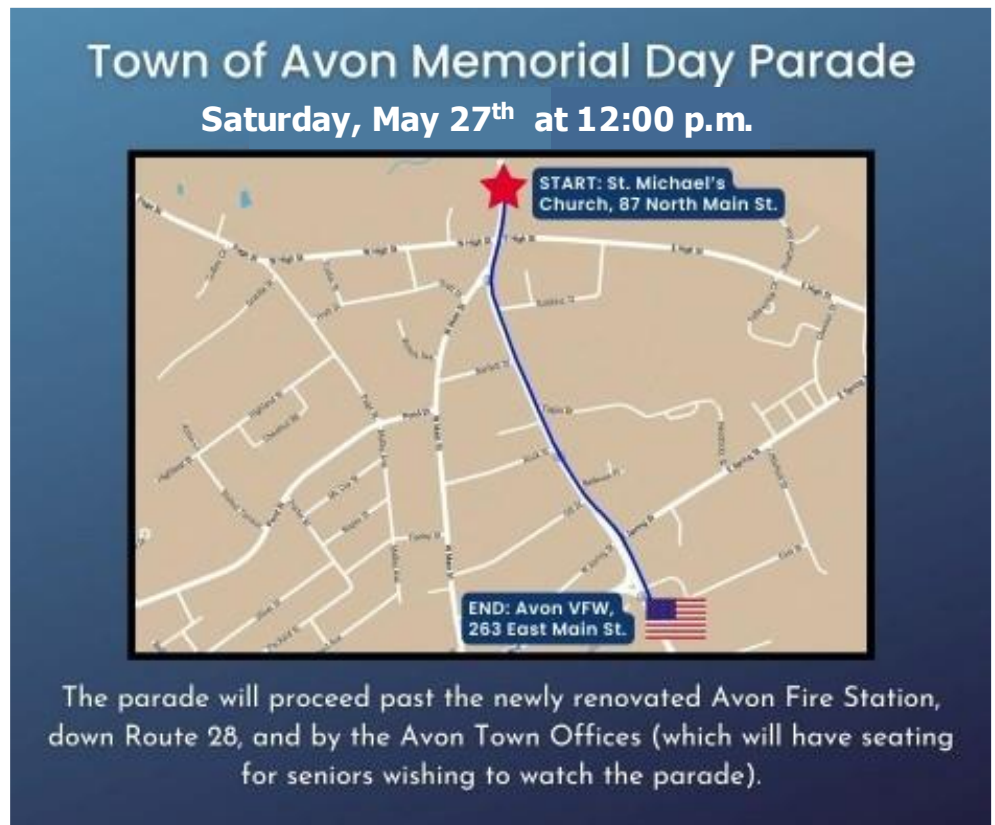
ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Select Board and members of the Frank M. Noyes VFW Post 8892, Inc. are pleased to announce the Annual Memorial Day Parade. This year the parade will be held on **Saturday, May 27, 2023.**

The parade will commence at 12:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church located at 87 North Main Street. The parade will proceed past the Fire Station, down Route 28, by the Avon Town Offices and will conclude at the VFW. The Council on Aging will have seating available for seniors wishing to watch the parade in front of the Town Offices.

The parade participants will include 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.

All parade participants and spectators are welcome to attend a free cookout after the parade at the VFW. The cookout menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, chips, and potato salad. Ice cream and juice boxes will be available for the children.



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Town of Avon Community Cleanup Day

Saturday
May 13, 2023
9AM-
11:30AM

Join us for a town clean up!

Registration is from 8:30AM-9:00AM in the Mary McDermott Room at Town Hall. Clean up will be from 9:00AM-11:30AM.

Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning. Everyone is invited back to Town Hall after the event for pizza.

Participants will have a chance to win 4 tickets to a Red Sox game!



For more information contact the Avon Board of Health, at 508.588.0414 ext 1016 or kwaldron@avon-ma.gov



Come out and help care for our community!

We are happy to host community clean-up day again! Come join us and take pride in Avon.

Teams will pick up trash and debris in designated areas around town, trash bags will be provided.

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BULK COLLECTION DAY - SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023

BULK COLLECTION POLICY

A limit of five (5) items may be placed out for each bulk collection.
 Example: a table and four chairs would be five items.
 Items may not be placed out earlier than one week prior to the collection.
 Trash totes and bags of trash will not be picked up. Cardboard will not be picked up.
 Mattress and box springs are no longer collected at bulk collection. See below.

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
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

July 2022

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May 2023

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June 2023

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SUMMER FUN AT THE AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

I know it's hard to believe, but summer is approaching fast! Whether you prefer to spend your summer reading a good book on the beach or out exploring your community- we at the Avon Public Library have got you covered. You can't have summer without summer reading and this year we are offering the summer reading fun to patrons of all ages! The theme of this year's summer reading program is **Find Your Voice**, and we will be offering fun programs and reading incentives all summer long for kids and kids-at-heart.



In addition to a slew of programs we will have four exciting summer reading prizes- two for young readers, one for teens, and one for adults. Be sure to sign up for the library's monthly newsletter and follow us on Facebook to get all the details on the summer reading program.

For those that like to get out and about during their summer vacation- did you know that you can use your library card to access discount passes to museums and parks all over the state? It's true! The library currently offers 15 discount passes to museums like the Boston Children's Museum and the Roger Williams Park Zoo, as well free parking passes for Massachusetts State Parks. We recently added a lot of new discount passes, all of which are listed below. Stop by the library, call, or check out our website avonpubliclibrary.org to learn more about each discount or to reserve yours today.

Discount passes currently available at the Avon Public Library:

- Boston Children's Museum
- Capron Park Zoo
- Children's Museum in Easton
- Harvard Museums of Science & Culture
- Heritage Museums & Gardens
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Mass Audubon and Trilside Museum
- Massachusetts State Parks
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- Old Colony History Museum
- Plimoth Patuxet
- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- USS Constitution Museum
- Zoo New England



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CLOTHING DRIVE

Kate Austrino, an 8th grader at Avon Middle High School and the Project 351 ambassador, led a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons from March 20-24, 2023. During the drive, Kate collected 50 bags to donate to Cradles to Crayons and donated another 10 to the High School's clothing drop box of items not accepted by C2C. Great job Kate!



AVON PHASE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

Residents are asked to use hand-held hoses only during the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. while Phase 1 Water Restrictions are in effect. Thank you for your cooperation.



TOP REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:

1. It greatly improves your chance of getting your dog back if he/she goes missing;
2. It lets people know your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccine;
3. It's the law.

Note: A late fee of \$25 will be added beginning June 1st.



2023 DOG LICENSE

Dog Licensing Fee:

\$10 for neutered or spayed dogs

\$15 for male or female dogs

All dogs must be licensed by May 31st each year or be subject to a fine of \$25.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT – PARKS AND RECREATION

Meet Matthew McAndrew



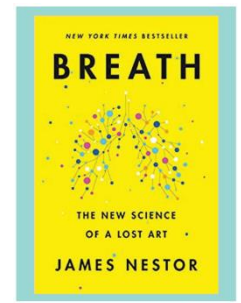
Matt was born, raised, and educated in Central Pennsylvania in a small town called Watsontown. He joined the Army Reserves after high school and served as a Paralegal for 6 years while continuing his education at Lock Haven University. After college, Matt got his first teaching job in Arlington VA where he then met his now girlfriend, Danielle. When Danielle decided to move to Boston for school, Matt followed and is now a high school teacher, coach, and our new Parks and Recreation Director.

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

a. When I was in college I worked in a Parks and Recreation Department called Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority, or BVRA, in Lewisburg PA. When I was there, I was able to run a summer camp and be the head of swimming instruction. The longer I worked there and lived there I was able to see my impact on the community. The kids that I taught sports to at summer camp were starting to play competitively. The kids I taught how to swim were jumping off the diving board at the local pool. It felt great to feel like I had a hand in bettering the lives of the kids in the Lewisburg Community. Since then, I have been itching to get back into the parks and rec arena.

2. What is the last book you read?

a. The last book that I read was *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art* by James Nestor. I know that a book on breathing sounds boring, but it was such a great read. It really breaks down the importance of breathwork and how it can help with both the body and mind. Since reading the book I have taken 10 minutes every day to work on some type of breathwork meditation.



3. What is your favorite hobby?

a. I have a couple hobbies, but I think the two biggest hobbies I have are weightlifting and more recently Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. I'm pretty busy, so I only really get to train BJJ about twice a week.

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

a. I really would like to end up going to Japan. I really think the culture there is fascinating. I thought about planning a trip there recently, but I will tell you it's quite the chunk of change to get out there. So, my girlfriend and I have decided we are going to try to go to Italy sometime soon.

5. What is your favorite dish to eat?

a. I just like a medium rare steak, sweet potato fries, and a diet ginger ale.

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LOOKING FOR
OPPORTUNITIES
TO GET
INVOLVED?



TOWN MODERATOR TO HOST WITH
COFFEE AND DONUTS

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH
MARY MCDERMOTT MEETING ROOM
10AM - NOON

LEARN MORE ABOUT BEING A PART OF A
BOARD OR COMMITTEE!!



GET
INVOLVED!

Avon Boards and Committees need you!

Some groups meet often, others require less time, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year. If you are interested in serving, open positions are listed below.

Thank you for volunteering!

By Law Committee
Cable TV Advisory
Capital Planning
Conservation Commission
Industrial Development Commission
Industrial Development Finance Authority
Personnel Board
Town Office Feasibility Committee



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HOUSING PROJECTS IN AVON

As of April 1, 2023, there are three projects that have been submitted to the Avon Zoning Board of Appeals under the Comprehensive Permit Statute known as Massachusetts General Law 40B.

Project #1- Joanna Hills Estates

Located at the end of the existing paved road, Joanna Road, this project consists of nine single family homes, 10 duplex homes and four multi-family buildings totaling 76 units of housing. The initial plans submitted proposed 122 units.

Currently the roadway has been cleared of trees and brush as well as the retention basins for the drainage system. Gravel material have been hauled in to bring the road subbase up to design elevations. Due to a lack of available ductile iron water pipe materials, the project has been delayed substantially by approximately 12 months. The Board has been informed by the owner of the development that materials should be available in the next 2-4 weeks to allow pipe installation to begin.

Three of the large building foundation pads have been graded and are ready for concrete footings to be installed. For wood frame construction to begin, the fire Department requires that water lines and a hydrant be installed in the general area of those units for safety.

The Civil/Site engineer is working on producing final Site Plans for the Board of Appeals to approve once the ZBA consulting engineer finishes their review on the product submittals turned in by the General Contractor for the site work.

A revised schedule will be submitted by the contractor once these approvals are complete.

Project #2- Brave Estates – 200 Central Street

Brave Estates is currently going through the permitting process with the Avon Zoning Board of Appeals. The owner is seeking a comprehensive permit through the 40b regulation to construct 36 rental units.

This project consists of adding two eight-unit buildings and two 10-unit buildings to the site which has 14 existing rental units. Currently the proposed plans are being reviewed by the ZBA's consulting engineer for compliance with stormwater management regulations. The Avon Board of Health will review the proposed septic design for title 5 compliance. The Avon Conservation Commission will be reviewing the proposal for compliance with the State and local rules and regulations. Several more hearings will be scheduled as the review process continues. Notices of the hearings can be found on the Town of Avon web site.

Project #3 – Winsor Estates – 253 Page Street

A proposal has been submitted to the ZBA to place 24 Condominium units on the 5- acre lot known as the "Menino mushroom farm". At the first meeting the ZBA requested that the applicant revise the layout as it appears to be too congested with buildings, parking, and lack of green space.

The applicant has requested several continuances to revise the layout plan.

Please see the Town of Avon website for continued hearing dates.

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POLICE SERVICE AWARDS

On Thursday, March 17th, Chief Jeffrey Bukunt presented seven members of the Avon Police Department with "Meritorious Service Awards" for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Sgt. Glenn Fernald, Officers Michael Dombrosky and Jeffrey Donovan, Dispatcher Jannell Webb, Officer Chris Guillaume and Dispatcher Robert Burke were awarded the department's life-saving award, while Officer Stephen Stenstrom was presented with an outstanding performance award.

"These awards represent the significant roles these members play in our department," Chief Bukunt said. "We're all immensely proud of their efforts to both support the community day-to-day and respond thoughtfully and effectively when seconds count during critical incidents."



great job!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SELECT BOARD

To all our friends and neighbors,

April and May are a very busy time for all in town hall and around town. These are the months that we finalize the annual budget, get ready for the town meeting, and try and get everyone involved in the process. Our DPW is active in keeping our streets clean and ensuring our town is a community we can all be proud of. In addition, our police and fire departments continue to keep us all safe and do a great job in doing so. Every department is doing their part to make our town a better place for our amazing and diverse population. Our social services departments like the Council on Aging, Library, and Parks & Recreation are consistently the best around and we should all be very proud of these departments and the leadership of the directors. I want to especially recognize our financial team led by our Treasurer, Deb Morin. Deb has been a constant in our town for many years and should be commended for all her great work. Additionally, I want to thank our Town Clerk, Patricia Bessette for her guidance and leadership. The past few years have been challenging with elections and Covid, but the Clerk's office under Patricia's leadership has been nothing less that exemplary.

As I enter my 6th year as your selectman, I am proud of the station I hold in our beloved town and strive daily to make the right decisions for all of us. We couldn't do this without the support of our wonderful administrative leader, Shanna Faro who keeps the day-to-day operations moving.

Avon is a unique place to live. It is unlike any other town on the south shore or in Norfolk County. As a community, we know how to keep the small town charm, while at the same time, maintaining all of our own services. This is truly a testament to the men and women that have served the town in the past to which we have the burden of carrying their legacy.

Avon, in recent years, has built a solid and respected reputation due to our involvement with various county and state agencies. We are well respected by other towns, and we will strive to continue to lead through example by making our voices heard.

Lastly, I want to thank our interim Town Administrator, Mr. James Purcell. Jim has been a breath of fresh air in town hall and I for one say we would have had a very hard time getting through budget season without his expertise and guidance.

Sincerely,

Eric Beckerman

Chairman, Avon Board of Selectmen

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