



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	1023
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:

Friday November 10, 2023
Thursday, November 23, 2023



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Saturday November 18th, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Avon Middle High School. The warrant and more information will be available on the town website on Friday November 3rd.



TAX CLASSIFICATION

Each year, prior to the mailing of 3rd quarter tax billings, the Select Board holds a public hearing to determine the percentage of the town's property tax levy to be borne by each major property class. This responsibility and procedure are described in M.G.L. Ch. 40 § 56. The Select Board and the Board of Assessors will host a jointly posted meeting on November 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Mary McDermott Room in Town Hall. All members of the public are invited to attend.



You voted and the favorite
landmark winner is...

Congratulations

Blanchard's
Museum!!



Thank you to all who
participated in
Passport to Avon!



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Town of Avon is seeking qualified applicants to fill the position of **Winter Program Supervisor** for the Parks & Recreation Program. The Winter Supervisor provides routine to complex administrative, supervisory, clerical and record keeping work related to the Program and works under the direct supervision of the Program Director (PD). Provides daily supervision to recreational operational program staff employed on a seasonal basis.

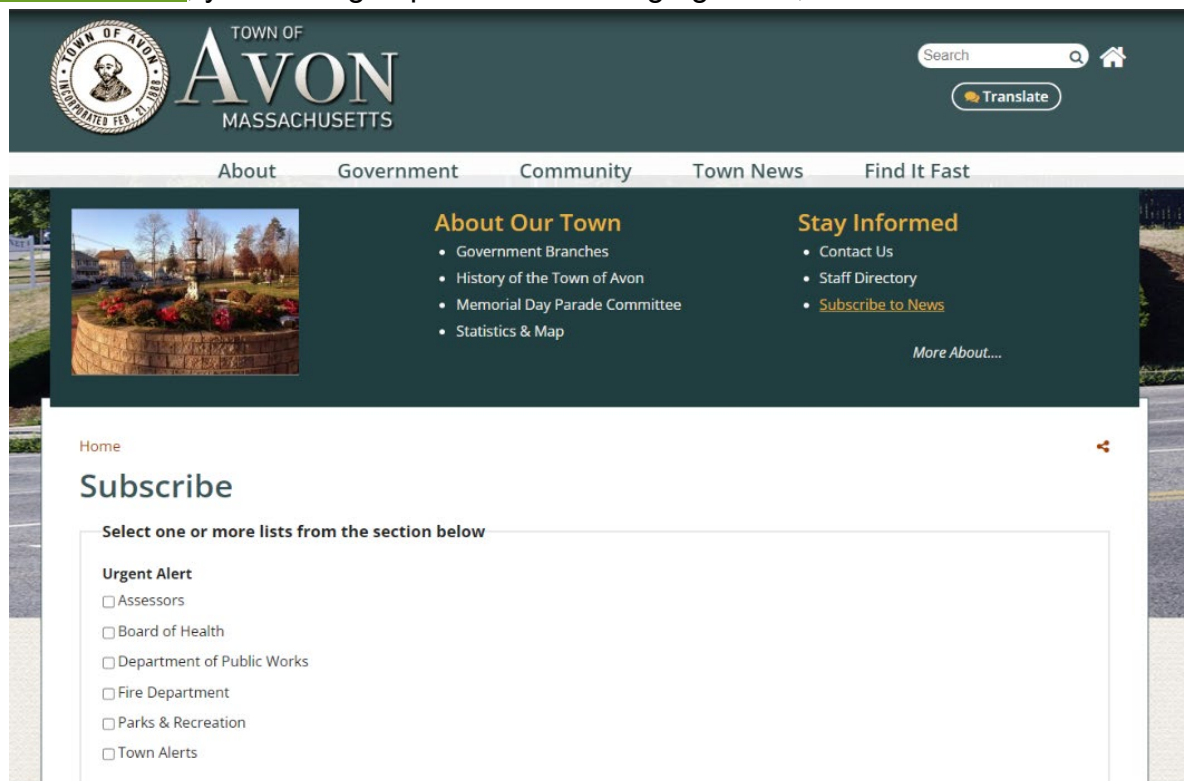
Duties include but are not limited to: assist the PD to interview new candidates for position of counselor; assist the PD with orientation for the counselors; meet with PD regularly to keep informed of all details for the program; keep thorough and detailed records of any injury/behavior/discipline incidents and report to the PD; organize clinics, activities and crafts so they appeal to the variety of age and children.

Candidates must have a minimum of two years in higher education with a major in the field of education preferred. Send Employment Applications to Shanna Faro, Human Resources Coordinator, 65 East Main St, Avon, MA 02322 or email at humanresources@avon-ma.gov.

TOWN WEBSITE

Did you know that you can subscribe to a wide variety of updates direct from the Town's website, and you can pick and choose which Boards, Committees and Departments to hear from? By visiting <https://www.avon-ma.gov/subscribe>, you can sign up to have meeting agendas, minutes and departmental news delivered to your inbox.

The website is also available to be translated into French, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Just click the "Translate" button on the top right, under the search box.



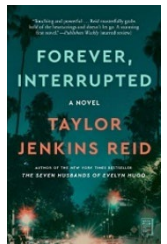
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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Patricia Bessette – Town Clerk

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

- a. I cannot believe that next spring will be my 10th year as Avon Town Clerk. After graduating from Stonehill College I worked in administrative roles and Human Resources until my husband and I decided I would stay home and raise our girls. Timing was everything. In 2014, Jean Kopke announced she was retiring just as I was starting to look at getting back into the workforce. I inquired about the position, and immediately became interested and pulled nomination papers to run for this elected position. Being able to work in town and for the residents of Avon was very appealing. Having been raised in this town and always taking an active role whether in the schools, church or girl scouts it was another opportunity to be involved in our community. My favorite part of the job is running elections and I look forward to the four elections in 2024. This past spring, I was sworn in as treasurer of the Massachusetts Town Clerk Association and the Tri- County Clerk Association. It is an honor to represent Avon in these roles.



2. What is the last book you read?

- a. The last book I read was *Forever Interrupted* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. My daughter Allison and I started picking away at reading all of Reid's books last spring. So far, my favorite book of hers is *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*. For years I have been a part of a book club with amazing women from Avon.

3. What is your favorite hobby?

- a. My favorite hobbies are reading, walking, playing games and spending time at the beach. I love spending time with family and friends on the beach. My favorite two beaches both have amazing sunsets, St. Pete Beach in Saint Petersburg, FL and Paine's Creek Beach in Brewster, MA.



4. What is the next place on your bucket list?

- a. The next place on my bucket list is Aruba. Everyone who has ever been seems to love it.

5. What is something that might surprise others?

- a. My family has had a Fantasy Football league for the last 13 years. My team's name is "Fireflies" and I am currently in first place with a 6-1-0 record. I have taken home the trophy three times!

6. What's the best/last concert you've been to?

- a. The last concert I attended was the Stevie Nicks/ Billy Joel concert. It was one of the many rainy Saturday nights in September. Aside from the rain the concert was great, and they both sounded amazing. The best concert I have ever been to was Taylor Swifts the Eras Tour. I have been lucky to attend all her concerts at Gillette Stadium over the years with my family. But this one was amazing, everyone dressed up and sang and danced for hours!



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BULK COLLECTION DAY - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 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