



# 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	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
<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:

Monday, October 9, 2023



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

**Did you know**, cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

**What can you do?** The good news is you can prevent most cooking fires and burns. Help keep your family safer with some simple but effective tips.



**TURN** pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.



**WATCH** what you heat. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.



**HAVE** a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

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RED RIBBON WEEK® OCT. 23-31 • WWW.REDRIBBON.ORG

## RED RIBBON WEEK

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd - October 31st each year.

Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. This year, ACES is asking for the personal commitment of every resident in Avon to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon. This can be accomplished by wearing a red ribbon or tying a ribbon on a tree. It takes a community-wide effort to teach prevention. By standing together to support Red Ribbon Week, Avon will demonstrate that it is a town which supports efforts to reduce youth substance abuse and promote positive, healthy decision making.

To show support, ribbons can be picked up at Avon Town Hall and during the Passport to Avon event on Wednesday's from 2PM to 4PM in the West Wing Meeting Room of Town Hall.

## COA SHREDDING DAY

On Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, the office of District Attorney, Mike Morrissey, is sponsoring a shredding event at the Avon council on Aging from 10 am to 1 pm. The event will be in the back parking lot of Avon Town Hall. We will be sharing this event with Holbrook residents.



# FLU CLINIC

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:00PM– 5:00PM**

Mary McDermott Meeting Room, Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322

### TO PARTICIPATE

- Anyone over 9 years of age can receive a flu shot.
- The High Dose flu shot is available for anyone over 65 years old.
- You do not have to be an Avon resident to receive a shot.
- No appointment needed.
- Bring an updated insurance card with you. For anyone 65 years old or older, bring Medicare Part B card.

### ACCEPTED INSURANCE CARRIERS

- All insurance carriers are accepted.
- There is no cost if you have insurance, you **MUST** bring your insurance card.
- Out of pocket cost is \$36.88 for the Quadrivalent, \$81.76 for the High Dose.

### CONTACT

Avon Board of Health at 508.588.0414 ext 1016 or [kwaldron@avon-ma.gov](mailto:kwaldron@avon-ma.gov)





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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### **William A. Fitzgerald, Jr. – DPW Director**

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

- a. My father was a civil engineer and surveyor for Mass DPW, my mother had been a schoolteacher and civic volunteer, so they instilled a public service ethic in their 5 kids. Including our city, Taunton, the “Christmas City.” At UMass, I moved towards government oriented classes, with a focus on Massachusetts municipalities. Local government is the level people experience every day.

**2. What is your favorite hobby?**

- a. I ran into a golf pro from Lakeville. She asked if I golfed, and when I said, not yet, I got a look from her. I told her I’m too competitive and between raising my daughter and work, I’d get frustrated not playing enough. Another couple of years and I’ll pick it up. Also, I don’t know if it’s a hobby, but I’ve always had a cat. Anyone have a kitten?

**3. What’s the best/last concert you’ve been to?**

- a. The tie for best is between Jimmy Buffett or Warren Zevon.

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

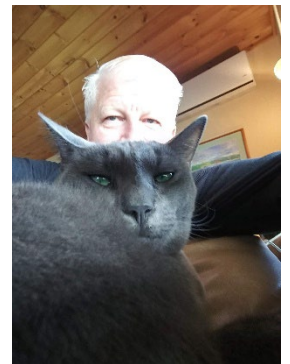
- a. Lots of places, but probably the Açores again.

**5. What is the last book you read?**

- a. Seriously it was, the History of Avon by Bill Hanna. I used to read books all the time as a kid, but I read so much on the job, it’s hard to get motivated to read a whole book. Lots of short reads though.

**6. What is your favorite dish to make/eat?**

- a. I make a lot of big things for parties. Steak chili, clam chowder, beef stew, lasagna, avgolemono, Portuguese clam boil. The top though, is little necks, Portuguese style. Just as long as I don’t have to clean the pans!



## LIBRARY NEWS – OCTOBER 2023



### LIBRARY HOURS:



**Monday:** 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
**Tuesday:** 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.  
**Wednesday:** 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
**Thursday:** 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.  
**Friday:** 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
**Saturday:** 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**Monday, October 9th:**  
 CLOSED

### OLD COLONY HISTORY MUSEUM

Stop by this fall to get your pass to the Old Colony History Museum in Taunton! Learn about the fashion, transportation, industry, and much more of the colonial times right in our neighborhood. Our pass allows four guests to enjoy FREE admission. What are you waiting for? Stop in today or visit our website to reserve yours!



# kanopy

Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and kid favorites. It works much like the streaming services you are most familiar with, only it's FREE with your Avon Public Library card! Kanopy is accessible via mobile device and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access Kanopy on your Desktop, and SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick.

### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

This month we have big things in store, from a Mysterious Massachusetts presentation to a book or treat event, we are prepared for spooky season! To register for any of the programs you see, visit [AvonPublicLibrary.org](http://AvonPublicLibrary.org), or give us a call at 508-583-0378.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Teen Craft: Blackout Poetry**  
**Tuesday, October 10th at 2:30 P.M.**

We will be taking old book pages and creating poetry!

**Mysterious Massachusetts**  
**Thursday, October 26th at 6 P.M.**

Join us for a presentation by Geek Girl, Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe about all things paranormal in Massachusetts. This event is intended for patrons aged 18 and up.

**Adult Horror Movie Showing**  
**Tuesday, October 31st at 6 P.M.**

You are never too old to celebrate Halloween, so join us on Tuesday, October 31st for a horror movie showing! This program is for adults aged 18 and up.

### BOOK OR TREAT



Come in Monday, October 30th or Tuesday, October 31st in your Halloween costume and get a goodie bag filled with Halloween themed treats and a book! This is for ages 3 - 18.

### ON THE SHELVES – HORROR

**Adult**



**Home Before Dark**  
 Riley Sager

**Young Adult**



**Funeral Songs for Dying Girls**  
 Cherie Dimaline

**Middle Grade**



**Clackity**  
 Lora Senf



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**Avon Civic Association  
Oktoberfest  
Oct. 7, 2023**

**12 - 4:00**

**\*\*\*CHANGE OF LOCATION \*\*\***

*Due to the refurbishing of DeMarco Park all activities will take place at Blanchard's Tavern, the empty lot on the corner of N. Main & E. High, St. Michael's Church front lawn.*

***Double Eagle Oktoberfest Band 12-3:00***

***Baptist Church cooking & selling bratwurst, sausages, hot dogs***

***Horse Drawn Wagon rides at St. Michael's Church steps and much more***

***Touch A Truck & Sheriff's Dept. K-9 Comfort Dog in lot next to Blanchard's Tavern***

***Facepainting & Balloons 12:30-3:30***

***Pumpkin Decorating & kid's games***

***Sue's Cookie Corner  
purchase a wide variety of delicious cookies***

***Avon Sweatshirts for sale***

***Raffle Baskets & 50/50***

***"Passport Stamp Station"***

***Historic Blanchard's Tavern open 2:00-5:00  
purchase beer, pizza & pretzels***



# OKTOBERFEST 2023

*Oct. 7, 2:00-5:00*

*Blanchard's Tavern*



**Pizza, Pretzels  
FUN AND MUCH MORE!**

**Black Hat Brew Works serving  
Blanchard's Ale**

Blanchard's Tavern  
98 Main St. Avon, MA 02322





# Passport to Avon

September 23rd -  
October 28th



**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
**TO PARTICIPATE, PICK UP YOUR  
PASSPORT BOOK AT THE LIBRARY.**

- Visit the noted locations around town to explore and learn about Avon.
- Each location will have a stamp or sticker to add to your passport.  
\*While Supplies Last!\*
- When you have collected all the stamps, please return passport to the library to be entered for multiple prizes!
- One passport per family.

[#PassportToAvon](#)



**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (508) 588-0414**

