



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:

Monday, September 4, 2023



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

PURPLE HEART DAY



On Monday, August 7, 2023 the town honored local Purple Heart recipients and recognized the town's designation as a Purple Heart Community. The event was attended by Senator Galvin and a representative from Senator Brady, as well as members from the community and town hall staff.



First known as the "Badge for Military Merit," George Washington created the Purple Heart more than 240 years ago, making it the oldest U.S. military award. Today, we honor Purple Heart recipients and their loved ones for their service and sacrifice. Thank you to our military community, both past and present, for the sacrifices you've made for all of us.



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PROCLAMATION FOR MICHAEL GUILBAULT

On August 10, 2023, the Board of Selectmen honored Highway Foreman Michael Guilbault for his exemplary performance and commitment to public service. Mr. Guilbault was performing his job duties on West Main Street during the first week of July when he noticed an elderly man sitting down and looking a bit disoriented in the summer heat. He pulled over his vehicle to check on the gentleman and did not leave his side until a family member could arrive on the scene and take him home to rest.

DPW SUMMER UPDATES

- Took down and removed dilapidated, unsafe backstop at Butler field
- Repainted crosswalks around town for upcoming school year
- In-house repairs and maintenance of vehicles and equipment
- Replaced old and leaking fire hydrants at various locations
- Set up 40'x20' tent for Park and Recreation summer program
- Hot patching and upkeep of roadways in town
- Overseeing of Demarco Park rehabilitation project. (Parking lot extension and drainage, New footpaths, more pedestal lights installed, etc.)
- In house chemical relocation project for centralizing water treatment facility to one singular location
- Rehabilitation on entry way to the compost site, Installation of pad for building, moved and installed new signage



AVON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS



The Avon Cultural Council has set an October 17th deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Avon -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Avon Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Avon Cultural Council will distribute about \$5,500 in grants. Previously funded projects included: field trips, summer concerts, programs for the Council on Aging, and field improvements.

Application forms and more information about the Avon Cultural Council Program are available online at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/avon/>.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Robert Borden – Building Commissioner

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

- a. It was accidental. In 2005 the then building commissioner asked me to come in, showed me around, and said I was needed and that I start next week. My ability to help and educate others is why I stay. Saying no isn't fun, figuring out how to get it done is.

2. What is your favorite hobby?

- a. I either play golf or with my antique car. It's really a toss-up of what I do most. I worked at a golf course years ago, picked it up and I just never stopped. My car now is a 1927 Model T, it's the last year they made that car. I'm currently on the board for the Old Colony Model T Club.

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

- a. The last single artist concert was Jefferson Airplane in 1988. The last group concert was the Newport Folk Fest in 1969. It was the night Apollo 11 landed on the Moon and there were tv's playing everywhere. I remember they stopped playing music while the rocket landed.

4. What is your favorite dish to make/eat?

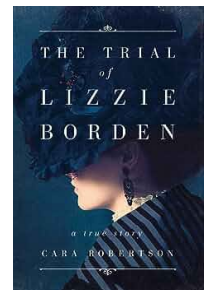
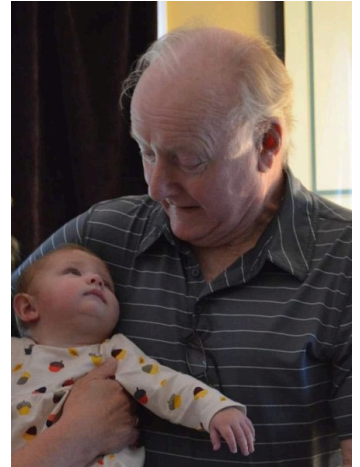
- a. Since I've been married, I haven't cooked much, but I used to like to make Mac and Cheese, back when I could eat it. I'm a steak and potatoes guy. Chicken Regis is often made in our house. But then, Dinty Moore beef stew isn't something I would turn my nose up to!

5. What is the last book you read?

- a. The Trial of Lizzy Borden, by Cara Robertson. It's the legal background of the trail and the press coverage. It's family history, very interesting. It was the last one I read from books I got as Christmas gifts. I have a kindle and will read many of the free options, most of time not even bothering to look at the title.

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

- a. I think the next place I'd like to go is Alaska, but the next place I'm likely to go is North Dakota. I've been on the ground in 45 states and would like to continue through the rest of America. The prettiest place I've been to is Lake Tahoe and the most fascinating is Paris. If you went to Paris for a month, you wouldn't see it all!



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GETTING SCHOOL READY

As the calendar flips to September, it means the start of cooler weather, shorter days, and going back to school. This is a new start full of potential!

- Children who eat a nutritious breakfast function better. They do better in school and have better concentration and more energy.
- Work on building good homework and study habits. Checklists, timers, and parental supervision can help overcome homework problems.
- Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to stay healthy and be successful in school. Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night.
- Get out and support Avon sports!

A graphic for the "Passport to Avon" event. It features a map of Avon and surrounding areas in Massachusetts, with labels for towns like Braintree, Randolph, Stoughton, Avon, Brockton, Bridgewater, and Halifax. A blue passport book with a red globe icon is shown. The text "Passport to Avon" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, the dates "September 23rd - October 28th" are written in a black, cursive font. The text "ALL AGES WELCOME!" is written in red, bold, uppercase letters. Below that, the text "TO PARTICIAPTE, PICK UP YOUR PASSPORT BOOK AT THE LIBRARY." is written in red, bold, uppercase letters. A list of bullet points is provided: "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!", and "One passport per family." The hashtag "#PassportToAvon" is written in blue. At the bottom left is the Town of Avon seal. At the bottom right, the text "FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (508) 588-0414" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters on a red background.

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