



# 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](http://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 27, 2024**



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 7, 2024



The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Avon Middle High School. The 2024 Warrant can be found on the town website.

[www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/pages/town-meetings](http://www.avon-ma.gov/town-clerk-registrar-voters/pages/town-meetings)



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 25, 2024

Town Administrator Jonathan L. Beder and the Avon VFW would like to invite the entire community to the 2024 Avon Memorial Day parade. This year's parade will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The parade will start at 12:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church at 87 North Main St. and will proceed past the newly renovated Avon Fire Station, down Route 28, by the Avon Town Offices (which will have seating for seniors wishing to watch the parade) and will conclude at the Avon VFW.

At the conclusion of the parade, there will be a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. Ice cream and juice boxes will be available for children. All parade participants and spectators are welcome to attend the cookout at the VFW.

The parade participants will include the Cosmo Legion Band of Brockton, the Old Colony Model T Club, the Old Colony Highlanders Pipe Band, the local Girl Scouts and Avon Youth Baseball, and many others.



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## JOIN A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Applications for appointments to the following Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils will be accepted by the Select Board's Office until Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Incumbents with terms expiring on June 30, 2024, are open to re-appointment but to be considered need to write a letter of interest to the Select Board. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please write a letter of interest to the appointing authority, either the Select Board or the Town Moderator. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-588-0414 x1013. Letters should be mailed to 65 East Main Street or emailed to [pbessette@avon-ma.gov](mailto:pbessette@avon-ma.gov).

Board/Committee Name	Term Length	Incumbents Set to Expire
Zoning Board of Appeals	Five Years	1
Zoning Board of Appeals alternate	Two Years	1
Cultural Council	Five Years	2
Cable TV Advisory Committee	One Year	4
Council on Aging	Three Years	3
Finance Committee*	Three Years	2
Historical Commission	Three Years	2
Industrial Development Finance Authority	Three Years	1

The following are current vacancies (no incumbent) available:

Board/Committee Name	Term Length	Vacancies
Zoning Board of Appeals	Three Years	1
By Law Committee	Three Years, Two Years, One Year	5
Cable TV Advisory Committee	One Year	1
Capital Planning Committee	Three, Years, Two Years, One Year	6
Conservation Commission	Three Years, Two Year	2
Industrial Development Commission	Three Years, Two Years, One Year	5
Industrial Development Finance Authority	Three Years, Two Years, One Year	3
Personnel Board *	Three Years, Two Years, One Year	3

\*Appointed by the Town Moderator

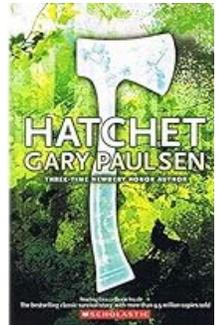
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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### David Charest – Fire Chief



1. **What inspired you to pursue the career you have today?**
  - a. I had an interest in being a firefighter since a very young age. As far back as elementary school, I can remember stating I wanted to be a firefighter when I grew up. I never pictured being the Fire Chief, but as my career progressed, it became a goal, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve here in Avon as the Fire Chief.
2. **What is your favorite dish to make/eat?**
  - a. My go to dish to cook is Chicken Parmesan. Although, I was gifted a meat smoker last year and I am getting the hang of that as well. So far, I have done well with smoking ribs and chicken wings, so that is a close second.
3. **What is the last book you read?**
  - a. My son and I read every night before he goes to bed. The book we are currently finishing is Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, it is a great story of a young teen faced with the challenge of surviving alone in the wilderness after an unfortunate accident.
4. **What is your favorite hobby?**
  - a. For hobbies, I enjoy traveling with my family, coaching youth football, and working around my home. I also enjoy working outdoors. I'm excited it's spring and I can work on my lawn and plant my garden.
5. **What is the best/last concert you've been to?**
  - a. I am not a big concert goer; I believe that the last concert I attended was by Tim McGraw.
6. **What is the next place on your bucket list?**
  - a. My next planned trip will be this summer, my family and I will travel to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. We plan to hit some nature trails and my wife is excited to visit Dollywood theme park.



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# Master Plan Open Forum

Avon's master plan 2040 is getting near completion. Please come to a community open forum to hear a presentation on the plan and provide your input. There will be an opportunity for questions, answers, and comments.

An earlier set of community forums took place in late September 2023 at Town Hall. The master plan has sections on land use, housing, economic development, open space, recreation, natural & cultural resources, transportation, services, facilities, climate, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The community open forum is Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 6 pm - 9 pm in the Mary McDermott room at Town Hall.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Jordan, Town Planner at 774-480-1682 or email him at [rjordan@avon-ma.gov](mailto:rjordan@avon-ma.gov).



## It's time to renew your Dog License!

All dogs must be licensed by May 31<sup>st</sup> or be subject to a fine of \$25.

Online registration is available for dogs that have a current rabies certificate on file. There is a small processing fee for this online service.



## Water Bills Due May 16, 2024

**Every Drop Counts!**



Have you checked  
for a leak?  
Running faucets or  
toilets can cause  
big problems?

### Here's How You Can Help:

- ◆ Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Fix any leaks promptly.
- ◆ Install low-flow showerheads and toilets.
- ◆ Shorten your shower time.



**Small Changes, Big Impact**

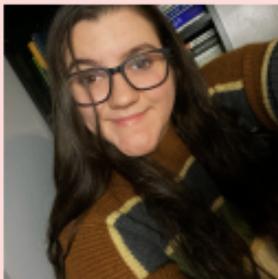


AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Hours:

Mon: 10 – 5  
Tues: 10 – 8  
Wed: 10 – 5  
Thurs: 10 – 8  
Fri: 10 – 3  
Sat: 10 – 2

## Staff Spotlight:



### Amanda McKay

Library Programs Assistant

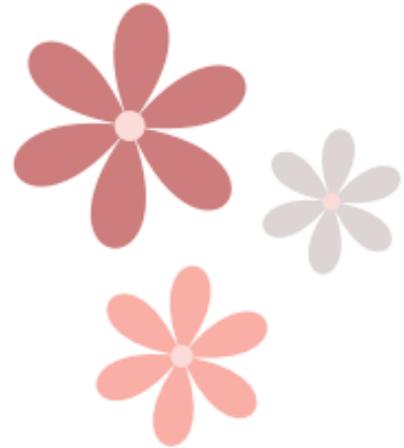
Amanda has been a member of the APL team for almost 2 years, first as a Circulation Assistant and now as the Programs Assistant. If you've ever enjoyed one of our library programs- you have her to thank! Amanda helps plan and market all the library's programs. She also creates the monthly newsletter and manages our social media. She does such a great job that her co-workers nominated her for the Outstanding Library Support Staff of the Year Award! When not planning awesome programs for your library Amanda enjoys reading and playing video games.

# May Newsletter

## May is Here!

The weather is getting nicer and the days are getting longer, which means there are even more great programs at the APL! We are so excited for this month's events and we hope you are too!

To sign up for any of these events, call us at 508-583-0378 or visit [AvonPublicLibrary.org](http://AvonPublicLibrary.org).



## Featured Library Happenings

### APL's Walking Club!

Most Mondays at 11 A.M.

Join us for our brand new walking club! We will meet in front of the library and walk to DeMarco Park.



### Adult Craft: Book Flower

Friday, May 17th at 12 P.M.

Come and make a flower out of an old book! A fun and easy craft that can be used as a spring decoration.



Looking to skip the line on popular books? Download Hoopla!

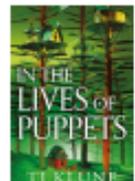
Hoopla is a FREE app and service provided by the Avon Public Library that has movies, TV shows, music, ebooks, audiobooks, and more! On top of that - there is no wait time for your materials. Access them immediately and they return automatically after 21 days. Skip line and forget about returning an item late, download Hoopla today!

### Book Clubs

#### Tuesday Night Book Club

Tuesday, 5/14  
at 6 P.M.

For adults aged 18+



#### True Crime Book Group

Saturday, 5/25  
at 12 P.M.

For adults aged 18+



## Totally Tomato! with Therapy Gardens

Saturday, May 4th at 11 A.M.

Join us in welcoming Therapy Gardens back to the Avon Public Library for their Totally Tomato program! Learn about different varieties of tomatoes, how to grow them, and - most importantly - how to prepare and eat them! Growing resources and recipes will be provided. Great for home cooks, gardeners, and health conscious eaters. At the end of the program, you will plant your own tomato to bring home!

For adults ages 18 and up. Sign up online or by phone.



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## BULK COLLECTION DAY - SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024

### 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.

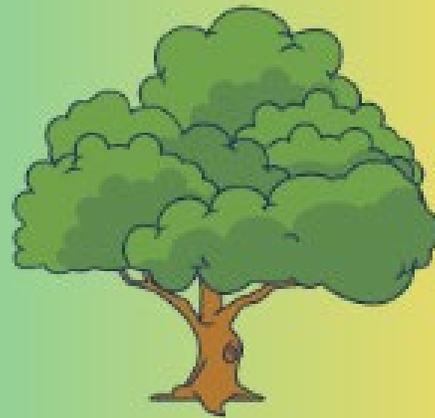
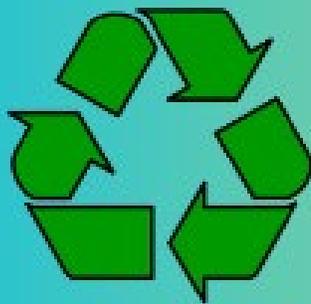
The Compost Site is located at 90 Wales Avenue. Open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from 9AM-2PM. Identification must be shown. All tickets must be purchased beforehand at the Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon MA 02322. For more information, please visit [www.avon-ma.gov](http://www.avon-ma.gov). For questions, contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414x1016 or [kwaldron@avon-ma.gov](mailto: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><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.</p> <p><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.</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



# CLEAN-UP EVENT

Join us on May 4th, 2024 for a town clean up! Registration will be in the morning on May 4th from 8:45am-9:00am in the Mary McDermott Room at Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon. Clean up will be from 9:00am- 11:30am.



Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning.

Everyone is invited to come back to Town Hall after the event for pizza.

Participants will have a chance to win four tickets to a Red Sox game.

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