

Dog Licensing

All dogs over the age of six months, must be licensed according to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 137.

The dog licensing period is from January 1st to December 31st.

Annual Fees:

Spayed/Neutered: \$10.00

NOT Spayed/Neutered: \$15.00

Late fees are incurred as of June 1st:

\$25.00 per dog

To license your dog, you must provide an up to date rabies certificate as well as proof of spaying or neutering.

First time licenses can be done either at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail (licensing form can be found on our website).

Transportation

Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)

For information on schedules and fees visit their website:

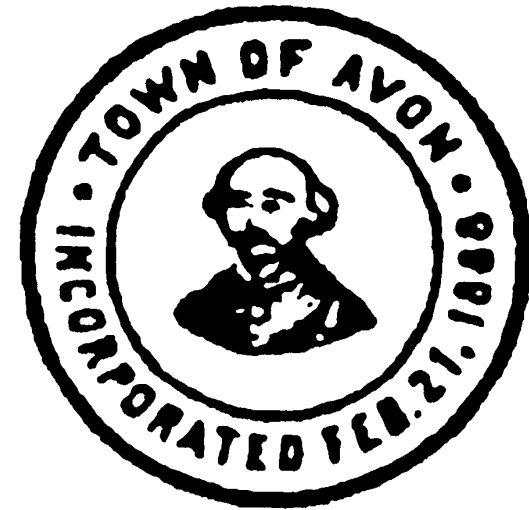
www.ridebat.com or call: 508-588-1000

Dial-A-Bat 508-584-5530

BAT'S Dial-A-Bat service provides transportation to disabled and elderly persons throughout BAT'S service area as well as to medical facilities in Boston. This service is available in conjunction with the COA van service. To enroll in the Dial-A-Bat service call the Avon Council on Aging at 508-559-0060.

Town of Avon

A Newcomer's Guide to



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Patricia C. Bessette, Town Clerk

65 East Main Street

508-588-0414

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About Avon

History

Avon was originally a village of East Stoughton. In 1888 the area became known as Avon. Avon celebrated it's 125th birthday in 2013.

Facts about Avon

- Population: 4,441 Square Miles: 4.35

Town Website

Avon-ma.gov

Town Government

Town Meeting: Open Meetings-Annual Town Meeting held first Tuesday in May.
Town Election: Held second Tuesday in April
Voter Registration: At Town Hall, By Mail, Online, or Other Agencies
Polling Location: Mary T. McDermott Room, Avon Town Hall

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Avon is run by a three member Board of Selectmen (BOS), whose members are elected by voters of the town to three year terms.

Current BOS members:

Francis A. Hegarty Chairman

Robert F. Brady, Jr. , Associate

Steven P. Rose, Clerk

To contact BOS:

Mail to: 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322

Phone: 508-588-0414 x 1019 Fax: 508-559-0209

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Avon employs a professional Town Administrator who has full administrative authority and carries out the decisions made by the BOS.

Town Administrator: Francis T. Crimmins, Jr.

To contact Town Administrator

Mail to: 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322

Phone: 508-588-0414 x1020 Fax: 508-588-6024

Understanding Your Voter Status

Complete your Annual Census Form to Maintain your Active Voter Status

- Annually, in January, you will be sent a street listing census form.
- You must complete this form and return within 10 days of receipt.
- Failure to complete the annual street listing form shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

Inactive Voters

Registered voters who do not respond to the annual street listing by June 1st are considered inactive. Inactive voters are required to complete additional forms and show an ID at elections in order to vote. Completing these forms at an election does not update your census — you must return a census form to become active and avoid completing these forms at future elections.



Voter Registration

Deadlines for Voter Registration

In order to be eligible to vote in an election, primary, or town meeting, your voter registration form must be hand-delivered or postmarked to the local board of registrars or Town Clerk by the deadlines below:

At least 20 days prior for State Primary, State Election, or Town Elections

At least 10 days prior to Special Town Meeting

How to Register to Vote

You can register to vote in several ways:

In Person: Come to the Town Clerk's Office and complete the affidavit of registration.

By Mail: Complete a mail in registration and mail or deliver to the Town Clerk's Office.

At the Registry of Motor Vehicles: You can register to vote or change your registration at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

On Line: www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr

Understanding Your Voter Rights and Your Obligations

Your Voter Registration does not follow you if you move

- You must re-register in your new community to continue to be a voter.
- If moving to another community in Massachusetts, once you register in your new community you will be removed from the voting list in Avon.
- If you move out of state, please notify the Avon Town Clerk's Office in writing.
- If moving within Avon you must notify the Town Clerk to change your voting address.

Governor/Senators/Representatives

Governor

Charlie Baker 617-725-4005
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Senators in Congress

Elizabeth Warren 617-565-3170
JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

Edward J. Markey 617-565-8519
JFK Federal Building
1 Bowdoin Square 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

US Rep. In Congress, 8th Congressional District

Stephen F. Lynch 508-586-5555
Brockton Office:
155 West Elm Street
Suite 200
Brockton, MA 02301

Senator in State House

Walter Timilty, Jr. 617-722-2230
24 Beacon Street
Room 167
Boston, MA 02113

State Representatives

William C. Galvin 617-722-2692
24 Beacon Street
Room 166
Boston, MA 02113

Helpful Telephone Numbers

FOR EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Fire Department	508-583-5361 (for regular business) 150 Main Street
Police Department	508-583-6677 (for regular business) 150 Main Street
Dog Officer/Animal Control	508-767-9067
Council on Aging	508-559-0060 Senior Center 65 East Main Street
DPW	508-588-0414 65 East Main Street

Town Hall Offices

65 East Main Street, Avon, MA

Main Telephone Number - 508-588-0414

Business Hours

Mon - Wed 8:30am - 4:30pm, Thurs 8:30am - 7:30pm,

Friday 8:30am –1:00pm

Town Clerk's Office	x1013
Tax Collector/ Treasurer	x1012
Assessor's Office	x1027
Accountant's Office	x1031
Board of Health	x1016
DPW	x1024
Building Inspector	x1022
Planning Board	x1017
Veteran's Agent	781-254-2259
Selectmen	x1019

Town Website

www.avon-ma.gov

The Town of Avon website is a valuable resource whether you are new to the area or have been here all your life.

Examples of items you can find on the website are:

- Avon Town General By-Laws / Avon Zoning By-Laws/Town Charter
- Election Information
- Voter Registration Forms
- Town Meeting Schedules / Warrants / Minutes
- Property Record Card Info.
- Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings Schedule/Agendas/Minutes

Subscribe to Town News

We have implemented a new way of keeping our residents informed of events and meetings that are occurring in town. Items posted to Town News, Police News and Press Releases, Selectmen Meeting minutes, Finance Committee Minutes and/or Dog Licensing information can be sent to your personal email box automatically.

Stay connected by getting new information sent directly to your email.

To Subscribe:

1. Go to our home page at www.avon-ma.gov and click on the button that states SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS on the left hand side.
2. Provide email Address
3. Choose which items you would like to receive.
4. Click on **Subscribe Me**

If your Email address is correct, the Subscriber will respond to your request promptly and you will receive an email confirmation in your incoming mailbox. In order to protect your privacy, you must reply to this email in order to receive postings from the list.

Avon Parks and Recreation

The Commission is made up of five elected residents. They bring fun and enriching programs to Avon residents of all ages.

The Commission oversees the Summer Program for children during school vacation.

The Avon Parks and Recreation Commission also sponsors multiple events through out the year such as a Teen Program and Family Movie Night.

Youth Athletics

Athletics for school age children are run by volunteer organizations for each individual sport.

Baseball:	www.holbrooklittleleague.org
Soccer:	www.haysa.org
Basketball:	www.stoyacbasketball.org
Football	www.stoyacfootballandcheerleading.org

Public Playgrounds

Miller-Tracy Playground	Pond Street
Carl Lundgren Playground	Patrick Clark Drive (behind the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School)

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Area Hospitals

Good Samaritan Medical Center

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301
Telephone: 508-427-3000

Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital

680 Centre Street, Brockton, MA 02302
Telephone: 508-941-7000

South Shore Hospital

55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, MA 02190
Telephone: 781-624-8000

Avon Public Schools

"The mission of the Avon Public Schools is to create life long learners and responsible citizens in a global society."

Website

www.avon.k12.ma.us

Ralph D. Butler Elementary (Grades Pre-k thru 6)
Patrick Clark Drive, Avon, MA
Phone: 508-587-7009

Avon Middle High School (Grades 7 thru 12)
285 West Main Street, Avon, MA
Phone: 508-583-4822

Regional Schools

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School
800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA
Phone: 781-828-5800

Norfolk County Agricultural High School
400 Main Street, Walpole, MA
Phone: 508-668-0268

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Avon Public Library

280 West Main Street,
508-583-0378
www.avonpubliclibrary.org

Hours: (Hours vary in the Summer)

Mon: 10am - 5pm	Thurs: 10am - 7:30pm
Tues: 10am - 7:30pm	Fri: 10am - 3pm
Wed: 10am - 5pm	Sat: 10am - 2pm

Utilities

National Grid: Customer Info: 800-322-3223
Outages and Emergencies: 800- 465-1212
To report a street light out: 1-800-322-3223

Columbia Gas: 800- 688-6160

Comcast: 800-934-6489

Solid Waste & Recycling Program

Howland Disposal is contracted by the Board of Health to service The Town of Avon. The Solid Waste & Recycling Program is distributed annually to residents. The program lists the weekly pickup schedule by street name. Recycling bins are collected every other week. There are four Bulk Collection Days per year. Residents are required to bring yard waste to the compost site on Wales Ave. The compost site is seasonal; the opening and closing of the compost site can be found on the town website.

Howland Disposal Service: 1-877-667-9600

Council on Aging

The Avon Council on Aging is charged with recognizing and understanding the interests, needs and concerns of senior citizens. They are committed to developing and implementing services and programs as well as educating the community about aging.

The Council on Aging van is available to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors with rides to local medical appointments, grocery shopping, summer time concerts, elections, town meetings and lunches at the senior center. There are also wellness programs, blood pressure clinics, lawyer appointments, Medicare (SHINE) information, outreach services and special events. Contact the Council on Aging at 508-559-0060 or COA@avon-ma.gov for more information and details on how to obtain a monthly newsletter and calendar.

Payment of Town Bills

Property and Excise Taxes: Payments can be made online at www.avon-ma.gov, by mail to the Town of Avon, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or in person at the Tax Collectors Office at 65 East Main Street.

Property Tax bills are due quarterly on the 1st of Feb., May, Aug., and November.

Water Bills: Payments can be made online at www.avon-ma.gov, by mail to the Town of Avon, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 or in person at the Tax Collectors Office at 65 East Main Street.

Water bills are semi-annual (Spring and Fall).

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