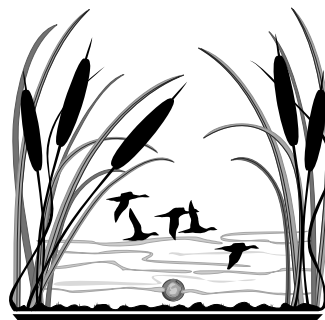


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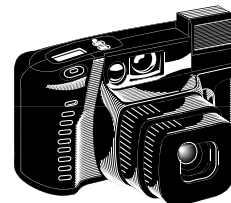
The

## Seasons of Avon

We are having a contest and hope to receive a lot of entries!! After 17 years it was decided that a little fresh paint and some new carpeting would make a world of difference at City Hall. We are now planning to "dress up" the walls with photos of the *Seasons of Avon*.

### Suggested Categories:

- ❖ Lakes
- ❖ Main Street
- ❖ Wild Life
- ❖ Black & White/Sepia
- ❖ Wobegon Trail
- ❖ Other



### Submission Rules:

- ~ 4 x 6 matte finish photograph
- ~ photos must be taken in the Avon City limits
- ~ photographs may include people, but the persons should not be recognizable
- ~ the winning photos will be framed and displayed in the City Hall building
- ~ mail or drop off entries at city hall
- ~ you may submit as many entries as you wish
- ~ winners will be asked to also submit photos electronically so that they may be enlarged

**fall** photo deadline: November 1, 2007

**winter** photo deadline: March 1, 2008

**spring** photo deadline: June 1, 2008

**summer** photo deadline: September 1, 2008

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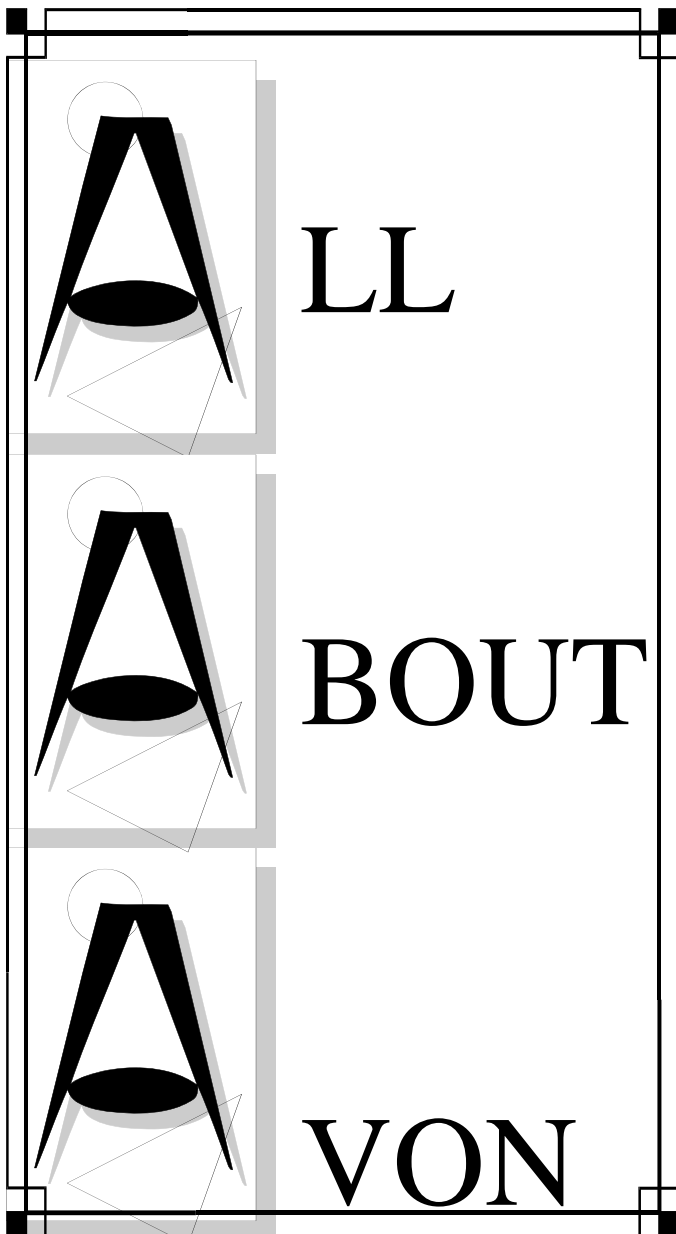
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**Signature**

Photographs become property of the City of Avon. City has the authority to enlarge and display photograph as they so choose.



**AVON  
POLICE  
DEPT**

BY:  
Chief Corey Nellis

As of August 13, 2007 the police department has responded to 1075 calls for service.

Recently several individuals have been convicted on cases occurring in Avon that have resulted in prison sentences. The individuals responsible for the armed robbery at the Avon Liquor Locker last summer have been convicted and sentenced to lengthy prison stays. Both of these individuals are also being charged in other counties.

In a separate case an Avon resident was sentenced to 13 months in prison on a variety of cases including theft, controlled substances, and possession of stolen property.

On February 17, 2007 Officer Jansky was on a traffic stop on I94 and was nearly struck by a passing vehicle while speaking with the driver he had stopped. Officer Jansky subsequently stopped the vehicle that nearly struck him and ended up arresting the driver for felony DWI. It was the suspect's second arrest for felony DWI. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, I was informed that the suspect pled guilty to DWI, and failure to use the left lane of traffic when passing a motor vehicle. The suspect is awaiting sentencing but is expected to get 65 -70 months in prison for the offense.

The Back the Beach program that was established this year has worked out excellently. I would like to hear comments from area residents as to their thoughts on the program. I personally want to thank the four individuals who worked down on the beach this summer for their time and commitment to the City of Avon. I also want to thank all of the individuals and business that "Backed the Beach" program financially. Without your generosity the program would not have been as successful.

As a supplement to this project, Randy Maile implemented and organized an effort to clean up the swimming area of the beach. He was able to get a commitment from a group of scuba divers who came together and volunteered to clean the bottom of the lake in the swimming area. Many items were removed from the water that could have been a danger to swimmers. Thank you to all of the divers that participated as well as Mary Lou Blonigen of PJ's Supper Club for feeding the divers and Bueckers City Sanitation for disposing of the removed items.

Just a reminder school will be back in session soon. Please watch your speed when driving in and around the school zone. Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

As always I encourage anyone with questions, concerns, or complaints to contact the Avon Police Department at 320-356-7575.

**ORDINANCE 154**

**REGULATING PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF AVON DURING CERTAIN MONTHS**



It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or accessory unit on a public street from the 15th of November to the 1st day of April between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. or any time at which more than 2 inches of fresh snow has accumulated.

**OVER THE HILLS  
OF AVON CLUB**

- . . . providing activities for active adults age 55+ in Avon and the surrounding area

The Over the Hills of Avon Club currently has 56 members and meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Avon City Hall.

In the past few months members have enjoyed ethnic meals, including menus featuring Italian, American and Greek foods. Trips were taken to the Old



Log Theater to see the comedy "Leaving Iowa" and to the musical "Guys and Dolls" at the Melrose High School auditorium.

During the next few months the group will be featuring Chinese, German, and Mexican meals.

If you are interested in joining the Over the Hills of Avon Club, please see Kathy at the City Hall.

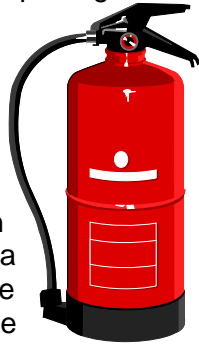
# AVON FIRE AND RESCUE

BY: Eric Linn – Fire Chief

## Fire Prevention Week: October 7-13

The State Fire Marshal is reporting 27 fire related deaths to date this year.

Fall is upon us and once again we ask that you change batteries in your smoke detectors. We still find detectors not working or with dead batteries on random checks when out on calls. If you don't have a detector or haven't changed the batteries in the last year please install or change batteries today!



We will again be visiting the school and promoting fire safety in the community.

Big fancy fire trucks, the best equipment and well-trained firefighters cannot take credit for reducing fire deaths and saving lives but smoke detectors and fire prevention can. Please make sure you do your part - help a neighbor, call a friend, pass the word – "Detectors save lives!"

## Dry Conditions and Wildfire Danger

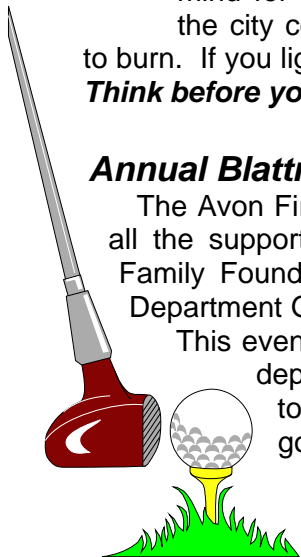
Burning restrictions are in place at this time. If this weather patterns continues more restrictions on burning will be put in place. Please keep this in mind for your fall clean up, plan on using the city compost or waiting for snow cover to burn. If you light the match you are responsible.

**Think before you burn!**

## Annual Blattner Family Golf Fundraiser

The Avon Fire Department would like to thank all the supporters of the Sixth Annual Blattner Family Foundation and Albany and Avon Fire Department Golf Fundraiser.

This event has raised \$10,000 for each fire department in past years. Thank you to businesses, hole sponsors, golfers and individuals that



contributed. The numbers for this year have not been finalized at this time.

A special **thank you** to the Blattner Family Foundation for their generosity and hard work.

## CALL BEFORE YOU BURN!

Eric Linn – 363-0005

Angeline Buettner – 356-7382

Ed Maile, Jr. – 356-9160



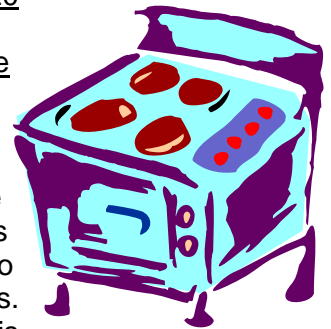
## City of Avon Clean-up Day

Saturday, October 20

9 am – 12 noon

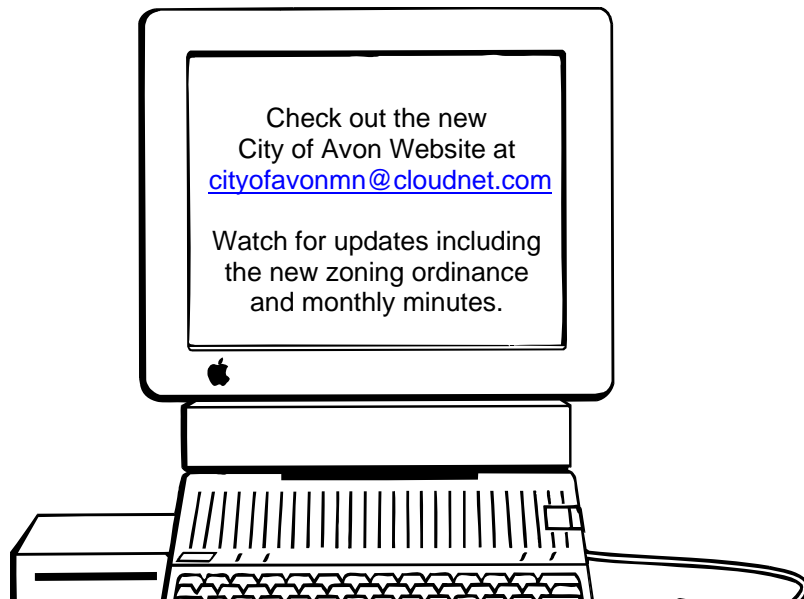
in parking lot east of the Wobegon Park

City residents are encouraged to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to dispose of unwanted items. Proof of residency is required and no household hazardous waste will be accepted. For a list of prices, check out the bulletin board in the entryway of City Hall or call Bueckers City Sanitation at 1-877-352-2876.



Check out the new City of Avon Website at [cityofavonmn@cloudnet.com](mailto:cityofavonmn@cloudnet.com)

Watch for updates including the new zoning ordinance and monthly minutes.



# PUBLIC WORKS

By: Ray Schmidt –Public Works Supervisor

## SEWER/WATER

Sewer line cleaning and hydrant flushing time is coming up in late September or early October. Watch the marquee for more information.

## PARKS

We will be closing down the beach the week after Labor Day.

The Parks Board, along with the help of many volunteers, has made a number of improvements to all of the city parks as well as citywide landscaping, ball fields, fencing, etc. A name has been adopted for each park, which now have standardized signs identifying them.

There are additional park and beach improvement projects being considered for 2008 as well. The Parks Board is currently working with the DNR and the Soil and Water conservation on a new proposed design for the beach area, including the retaining wall.

Thank you to all the volunteers that generously donated their time and talents to keep the planters on Main Street as well as the city parks looking so nice! The City has received many compliments.

## STREETS



At their last meeting, the city council adopted a five-year streets Capital Improvement Plan. The first two streets that are expected to be reconstructed are First Street SW past St. Benedict's Church and Chinook Avenue from County Road 54 to Windsor Way. The city engineers have a few details to complete on the design of those two streets before a public hearing is held. Affected property owners will be notified of the time and place of the public hearing. This project is being planned for September/October of this year. Check the city council minutes on the city's website for more information on these and other projects.

## COMPOST SITE

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the compost site will be open from 9 am – 12 noon. It will then be closed until spring. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the compost site clean.



## AVON AREA LAKES ASSOCIATION

Avon Area Lakes Association completed our first stocking of walleye in May. Proceeds from our fundraising raffles in 2006 and 2007 allowed us to purchase approximately 250,000 walleye fry from West Central Bait and Fisheries in New London. The fry, newly hatched fish about the size of a mosquito, were planted in Middle and Lower Spunk Lakes. We did not buy adult fish because while they might provide instant gratification for a few anglers, adult walleye are very expensive, and would not allow us to accurately measure the efficacy of our program. Fry stocking has proven to be a cost effective method for private organizations. Even if only a small percentage of our fry survive, they will provide a nice increase in the local walleye population. Planting fry also will allow us to monitor the progress of the stocking, and compare it to results from similar lakes. We plan on surveying the lakes this fall with the help of the DNR, and should get a rough idea of how well the new generation of walleye is surviving. If the first year is successful, AALA hopes to continue the fish-stocking program by planting every other year. Our program will not affect the ongoing DNR stocking program, which currently involves Upper and Middle Spunk Lakes.

There was another strong turnout at this year's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade on Middle Spunk Lake. Twelve crews participated, and once again (3 years in a row?) the top prize went to the Gabe Jarnot dynasty. Runners up included the Chuck Merdan family and the Jeff Manthe family. Can anyone upstage the Jarnots in 2008??? We are looking forward to another fun parade next year.

Avon Area Lakes Association holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at Avon City Hall. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Anyone interested in our organization and preserving our area lakes is encouraged to attend. Our new email address is [aala@minnesotawaters.org](mailto:aala@minnesotawaters.org)





Where fine art meets the front porch.



The Avon Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first **Customer Appreciation Days** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Over 20 businesses will be participating. Stop by the Hair Connexion from 3 - 5 pm for a free Root Beer Float, courtesy of the Avon Chamber. Watch for advertising indicating which local businesses are participating and what their specialty is.

Businesses still wishing to participate may contact Andrea Blomberg 845-2539 or Jesse Lutgen 356-7334.

**Remember to shop locally!**

Mark your calendars - Chamber Member Appreciation and Vegas Night will be Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cones' Sports Bar in St. Anna. Detailed invitations to Chamber members will be going out in the near future. Join us as we welcome Cones' to the area and have a great time networking with other business leaders in Avon.

If you are interested in joining the Avon Chamber please contact JoAnn at 249-1550 or joann@accuserve.us You can have an impact on our local economy by supporting local businesses.

Watch soon for information concerning the Chamber Sponsored **Halloween Business Trick or Treat**.

Many thanks to everyone that helped make Spunktacular Days "Clowning Around Avon" 2007 very successful. The weather was perfect and attendance was great. The Chamber would like to extend their gratitude to the Avon Fire and Police Departments, City of Avon and the Avon Lions Club. Thank you to all the committee chairpersons and all of those that donated time and money. Many hours by many volunteers went in to the planning and success of this event.

Visit the Avon Chamber website at:

[www.avonmnchamber.com](http://www.avonmnchamber.com)



**Avon Area Arts Mission Statement:**  
To develop an artistic and cultural community within the Avon area which encourages and nurtures the creative spirit.

**THE VILLAGE BEAN COFFEESHOP**  
(356-7552 for more info)



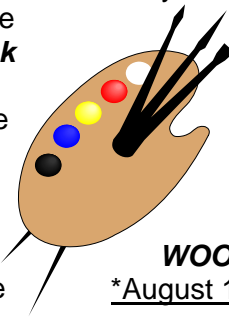
- \*August 18: 6:30-8 pm - "Old Friends"  
Musicians Steve Spanier and John Felling
- \*August 24: 6:30-8 pm - James Bolobna & Band
- \*August 25: 6:30-8 pm - Nick Kiekenapp on guitar
- \*July 2 - August 15: Art Exhibit by Aremy McCann
- \*Aug 16-Sept 30: Photographs by Arlene Gardinier

**MUSIC AT AUNT ANNIE'S QUILT SHOP**  
(356-1061 for more info)

- \*September 7: Ray Bonneville  
Performances at 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm
- \*September 15: 8 pm -- Catfish Keith
- \*October 14: 4 pm -- Charlie Parr

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**

- \*Now through August 28:  
Tony Peroutky - local nature photographer  
The Loft, 819 W St. Germain, St. Cloud  
(Above the Mississippi Bean & Tea)



**FALL POTTERY TOUR**

- \*October 27-28 : (309-1529 for info)

**WOOD FIRING AT JORGENSON POTTERY**

- \*August 15-19: (309-1529 for info)

**"RAISED IN THE HILLS" – TEEN ART EXHIBIT**

- \*October 6-7: Angel Fire Ranch (845-2455 for info)

**MILLSTREAM ARTS FESTIVAL**

- \*Sept. 30: 11 am - 5 pm St. Joseph, MN

\*\*\* Look for future events on our website: \*\*\*

[www.avonartsconnection.org](http://www.avonartsconnection.org)



# Avon

## Township News

Submitted by:  
LeRoy Gondringer  
Avon Township Board Chair

Avon Township is in the process of developing its own website. In the past, the city of Avon has graciously allowed the Township to post meeting minutes on their website. The city has recently updated their website and the Township board felt now was a good time to create their own website. Township Deputy Clerk, Steve Saupe, has been working hard to create a user-friendly website for the Township. Steve, with help from Township Treasurer Kelly Martini, will be maintaining the site. When completed, township residents will be able to access minutes from past meetings, agendas for future meetings, download permit forms, review ordinances, and link to other useful websites.

Also on the website will be notices about upcoming events and meetings that may be of interest to Township residents. The website address is [www.avontownship.org](http://www.avontownship.org). It is our goal to keep township residents as informed as we can. If anyone has ideas on how to make the website more informative, please let us know. This site is still in the development stage. Thank you for your patience as we continue to develop the site.

Just a quick update on the gopher bounty established by the Township: Originally the bounty included only pocket gophers. In July the Town Board voted to include striped gophers as well. The Township will pay a three-dollar bounty for

gophers caught in Avon Township. Contact one of the Township officials for more information.

The Township will be overlaying 365th Street and one mile of Tower Road this year. If the crew stays on schedule by the time you read this article the work will already be done.

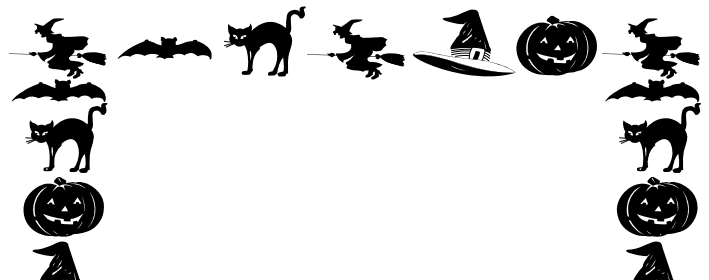
This year the Township will be using a rubber-based material to fill the cracks on roads instead of the tar based material used in the past. The process involves grinding a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " groove in the tar through the crack and filling it with the rubber based material. As the road expands and contracts with freezing and thawing the rubber also expands and contracts. This will keep moisture from getting under the road and should keep the roads from further cracking. The downside is the cost. This material will cost two to three times more than the tar based crack fill, but should last five to ten years depending on weather conditions. The tar based crack fill had to be redone every year. Long term, we feel this will be a better value for the Township residents.

The Township road right of way is generally 66 feet wide (33 feet each way from the center of the road) and is the responsibility of the Township to maintain in as safe a manner as possible. For several years the Township has tried to control noxious weeds and brush in road ditches by mowing several times per year. The noxious weeds, especially thistles and poison ivy, have become more prevalent every year. The Township needed a more effective way to control these weeds as well as the brush that was creating safety issues. In July the Township hired a company to spray for noxious weeds and brush in the road right of way along selected roads.

The Township will not spray ditches, which are to be maintained up to the edge of the road by the property owner. This is the case in most residential areas. If ditches along your property are kept free of brush and noxious weeds the Township will not spray them.

It sure doesn't feel like it now, but the snow will be falling before you know. That means the snowplows will be roaming Township roads again. If you have a mailbox that is hanging on by a thread, now would be a good time to replace it. Now would also be a good time to check road ditches for debris or other items that makes snowplowing unsafe and less efficient.

Enjoy the fall colors as they come.



**HAVE A SAFE  
AND  
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Don't forget to watch the chamber  
website for updates on trick or  
treating at local businesses!  
[www.avonmnchamber.com](http://www.avonmnchamber.com)