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Welcome to Avon!

With beautiful parks, award-winning schools, and great families, we are delighted that you have made Avon your new home!

While the Town was created in 1995, we have a rich historical heritage. It's the place where Civil War veteran Adrian Parsons cultivated some of the first soybeans in Indiana and it is the home of a local legend – the Haunted Bridge.

As the first Tree City USA community in Hendricks County and with over 30 parks and 5 golf courses located within 7 miles of the center of Town, Avon creates the perfect atmosphere for pleasant living and outdoor recreation.

At Town Hall Park, located at 6570 E US Highway 36, residents can enjoy 83 acres of park including –walking trails, an 18-hole disc golf course, a shelter, playgrounds, outdoor table tennis, bocce court, RC track and three lakes.

Washington Township Park, another beautiful park, offers walking trails, a dog park, mountain biking, basketball, community pavilion, splash pad and volleyball.

Be sure to browse our website www.avongov.org and discover the community events taking place throughout the year.

There is something for everyone to enjoy as Avon is host to the Hendricks Symphony, Hendricks Civic Theatre, Summer Concerts, Outdoor Movies, Summer Fun Run, Farmers Market, June Ribfest, the Fall Avon Heritage Festival and the Christmas Tree Lighting.

We welcome you as a new resident and invite you to stop by Avon Town Hall. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Hopefully the items in this welcome packet will be helpful as you settle into Avon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Klein".

Tom Klein
Town Manager

PS: You can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: Town of Avon, Police and Parks.

How did Avon get Its Name?

During the 1966-67 school, Avon eighth grade history teacher Janice Fouts had her class write a history of Avon based on interviews, newspaper articles, written histories and family records. One of the stories in their report discusses the many names that Avon had and this article is based on that report.

While the Avon zip code was established in 1999, the Washington Township area of Hendricks County has been known as Avon since the late 1800s. Prior to that time, the area had many different names. In 1833, the first post office was established in Washington Township and it was named the Hampton Post Office, so the area became known as Hampton. After the third postmaster retired, the Hampton Post Office closed and in 1852, Washington Township resident O.J. Huron accepted the commission as postmaster and a new post office was opened with the name White Lick but it only stayed open for five months.

In 1867, local store owner John Smoot petitioned for another post office for Washington Township. The request was granted and since the request didn't include a name for the post office, the Post Office Department assigned the name Smootsdell. This name was later changed to New Philadelphia and then, as the story goes, someone from the railroad put the name Avon on a stake at the Avon train station and the area became known as Avon.

Town of Avon Government

The governmental structure of the Town consists of an elected Town Council, elected Clerk Treasurer and elected Town Judge.

The Town Council is the policy making body of the Town. The Council establishes the annual Town budget for operations such as police, snow removal, road paving, trail construction, parks, economic development, land use planning and building inspections. Another key responsibility for the Council is having the final vote regarding requests to rezone property.

Three members of the Town Council must live within a certain area of Town but are elected by the residents of the entire Town and two members may live anywhere in Town and are elected by the residents of the entire Town.

The Council appoints a Town Manager to manage the day to day operations of the Town and to implement Council Policy. The Council President appoints the Police Chief.

The Council President presides at the Council meetings and is responsible for establishing the Council meeting agendas.

The Clerk Treasurer is responsible for paying the bills of the Town and managing the Town records.

The Town Judge only rules on Ordinance violations of the Town Code including traffic violations. Criminal cases are not heard by the Town Judge.

Avon's Haunted Bridge

The Haunted Bridge located over White Lick Creek and County Road 625 East is a railroad bridge that was designed by engineer W. M. Dunne using cast-in-place concrete spandrel arches. The bridge was built in 1906 for the Big Four Railroad and has inspired many tales of “supernatural” activities.

Haunted Bridge legends include:

- During construction, a drunken worker slipped and was buried in the wet cement. When a train goes over the bridge, people claim to still hear his moaning.
- A young mother was walking along the tracks to take her sick baby to the doctor. They fell from the bridge and both were killed. At night, sounds of the mother screaming for the baby can be heard.
- Four workers fell to their death during the bridge construction. People still hear thuds and splashes in the creek, but upon investigation, the water appears calm.

On Halloween night, the supernatural activities are reported to be more active.

FAQ on Local Government in Washington Township and the Town of Avon

Are town boundaries determined by the zip code?

No. The zip codes are established by the US Postal Service and are not related to the boundaries of a Town.

Where do my property taxes go?

If you live inside the Town of Avon, here is the breakdown for every dollar that you pay in property taxes based on the 2017 tax rates: 60 cents goes to Avon Schools, 14 cents goes to Washington Township, 14 cents goes to the Town of Avon, 10 cents goes to Hendricks County and 2 cents goes to Avon-Washington Township Library.

If you live in the unincorporated area of Washington Township, here is the breakdown for every dollar that you pay in property taxes based on the 2017 tax rates: 69 cents goes to Avon Schools, 16 cents goes to Washington Township, 12 cents goes to Hendricks County and 3 cents goes to Avon-Washington Township Library.

The actual amount paid may vary based on the property tax circuit breaker.

How can I find out if I live in the Town of Avon?

You can go to avongov.org and select "community maps". Then you can search for your property and the report will show your tax district.

Who governs the Town of Avon?

The Town of Avon is governed by an elected Town Council consisting of five members. The Town Council appoints a Town Manager to manage the day to day operations and the Council President appoints the Police Chief.

What services are provided by the Town of Avon?

The Town of Avon provides police protection, economic development, beautification, road maintenance, capital improvements for parks, roads, trails and sidewalks; parks programming, parks including Town Hall Park, WWII Memorial Park, Gable Park, forest along Reagan Parkway, park in Winton Meadows; building permits and inspections, rezoning review and approval, new development review and approval, code enforcement, town court and stormwater maintenance.

Is Washington Township a government or just an area?

Both. There is a government for Washington Township with certain responsibilities and there is an area with boundaries known as Washington Township.

Who governs Washington Township?

The government for Washington Township consists of an elected Township Trustee and an elected Advisory Board consisting of 3 members. The Township Trustee appoints the Department Heads for the Township including the Fire Chief and Parks Director.

What services are provided by Washington Township government?

Washington Township provides full time fire protection to the Town of Avon and the unincorporated area of the Township. The Township owns and operates Washington Township Park and Pecar Park. The Township provides township assistance to individuals that are having financial difficulties and the Township Trustee is responsible for enforcement of tall grass and weeds violations in the unincorporated area of the Township. The Township also maintains abandoned cemeteries.

What towns have annexed in to Washington Township?

Plainfield, Brownsburg and Danville have annexed in to Washington Township. Students in these areas attend Avon Schools.

What services are provided within these towns?

Plainfield, Brownsburg and Danville provide police and fire protection for the areas annexed as well as road maintenance. They may also provide water and sewer services and other services as determined by the Town.

What are the boundaries for the Avon School District?

The boundaries for the Avon School District are same as the boundaries for Washington Township. All students within Washington Township can attend Avon Schools.

Who governs the Avon Schools?

The Avon Community School Corporation is governed by an elected Board consisting of 5 members. The Board appoints a Superintendent to manage operations.

What are the boundaries for the Avon-Washington Township Library?

The boundaries for the Library are same as the boundaries for Washington Township.

Who governs the Avon-Washington Township Library?

The Library is governed by a 7 member appointed Board. 2 members are appointed by the Hendricks County Commissioners, 2 members are appointed by the Hendricks County Council and 3 members are appointed by the Avon School Board. The Board appoints a Library Director to manage the day to day operations.

Who provides water services?

The Town of Avon does not provide water services. Water providers have agreements to provide service to certain areas in Washington Township. The water providers are Citizens Water and the Towns of Plainfield, Brownsburg and Danville.

Who provides sewer services?

The Town of Avon does not provide sewer services. Sewer providers have agreements to provide service to certain areas in Washington Township. The sewer providers are West Central Conservancy District, Hendricks County Regional Sewer District and the Towns of Plainfield, Brownsburg and Danville.

Can the Town of Avon force me to connect to water or sewer?

No. The Town does not provide water or sewer services.

Who maintains US 36 also known as Rockville Road?

US 36 is a state highway and is owned and maintained by the State of Indiana.

How does the County Road addressing system work?

If the direction after the road number is east or west then the number of the County Road indicates the distance from the Courthouse Square and the direction before the county road number indicates the direction from old US 36 (Main Street). The direction after the county road number indicates the direction from the Courthouse Square. For instance, North County Road 625 East means that the road is north of US 36 and is 6.25 miles east of the Courthouse Square.

If the direction after the road number is north or south then the number of the County Road indicates the distance from old US 36 (Main Street) and the direction before the county road number indicates the direction from the Courthouse Square. The direction after the county road number indicates the direction from old US 36 (Main Street). For instance, East County Road 100 North means that the road is east of the Courthouse Square and 1 mile north of old US 36 (Main Street).

What is the property tax circuit breaker?

The State Constitution says that homestead properties cannot pay more than 1% of their gross assessed value in property taxes. When a homestead property reaches a property tax payment of 1% of their gross assessed value, then a "circuit breaker" occurs to stop the homestead property from paying any more property taxes.

For Town of Avon residents, the 2016 circuit breaker occurred for homestead properties with a gross assessed value of \$91,500 or greater.

For residents of the unincorporated area of Washington Township, the 2016 circuit breaker occurred for homestead properties with a gross assessed value of \$105,000 or greater.

Helpful Information on Town of Avon Regulations

Alarm permit: Before you operate an alarm system, you must first obtain an alarm permit from the Clerk-Treasurer. You can download the permit online on our website, www.avongov.org.
Town Code (Chapter 4, Article 3)

Beekeeping in a residential area: Personal beekeeping is allowed in all single-family residential and agricultural zoning districts within town boundaries. All hives must be 15 feet away from any property line and all beekeepers must have an adequate amount of fresh water and a diversity of natural pollen and forage near the hive. Check with your HOA for additional restrictions.

For more information on your zoning district and other regulations for your beekeeping, please contact the town at (317)-272-0948 or on our website.

Fence Permit: You must obtain a permit to erect a fence within town boundaries. You can find the application on our website: www.avongov.org

For more information on where and what type of fences can be erected. Check with your HOA or refer to our town Zoning Ordinance. (*Chapter 13, Section 5*)

Fireworks: Within Town boundaries, fireworks can only be used from June 29th to July 9th between the hours of 5 pm and two hours after sunset. On July 4th, the hours are 10 am to midnight. Fireworks may also be used on December 31st at 10 am to January 1st at 1 am. Check with your HOA for additional restrictions. *Town Code (Chapter 6, Article 7)*

Garage Sales: Garage sales are limited to two times per 12-month period at any one location and can last no more than three consecutive days. One sign is allowed, on the property, to advertise the sale, as long as it does not exceed 6 square feet in size. Check with your HOA for additional restrictions. *Town Code (Chapter 4, Article 10)*

Gun permit: Any resident wishing to carry a firearm outside of their residence is required by state law to possess a concealed carry permit. To apply for a gun permit, please go to <https://firearms.ariesportal.com>.

For more information on how to obtain a firearm permit in the Town of Avon, please go to our website.

Leash on Dogs: All dogs, when off the owner's property, must remain on a leash and in the owner's immediate control. *Town Code (Chapter 6, Article 3)*

Open Burning: All open burns must be wood-burning, held in a confined space used for burning, must be used for cooking or recreational purposes, have an adult in attendance until completely extinguished and be conducted in safe weather conditions.

Residents may not burn: leaves, trash, debris, construction materials, tree limbs, shrubbery trimmings or dangerous materials, except in agricultural zoning districts. Residents in residential areas should check with their HOA for additional restrictions. *Town Code (Chapter 6, Article 4)*

Parking on Grass: You cannot drive or park on any sidewalk or public grassy area, with the exception of crossing to enter any premises, residence or building. *Town Code (Chapter.8, Article 7)*

Pet regulations: Within town residential areas, a person can only have two full-grown animals, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and geese, and their immature offspring. A person cannot have any horses, mules, ponies, cows, bulls, steers, calves, goats, sheep and pigs, or wild animals. This does not apply to agriculturally zoned areas. Residents in residential areas should check with their HOA for additional restrictions. *Town Code (Chapter 6, Article 3)*

Reroof Permit: A reroof permit must be obtained through the Town's Building Department. The cost is \$75 and the application can be found online on our website: www.avongov.org.

RV, Boat and Trailer parking regulations: No person can park any automobile trailer, boat trailer, semi tractor-trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, or any trailer on any public street or alleyway. Exceptions: When providing goods or services to an adjacent residence or business, when unloading and reloading property into a trailer as long as it does not exceed one hour and when moving in or out of a residence, as long as parking does not exceed three days.

RV's may be parked or stored in accessory buildings or in the open, as long as they are not parked in a driveway, do not block a garage and do not project into a back, front or side yard. No RV can block the public right of way or sidewalk. Check with your HOA for additional restrictions. *Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 15, Section 9)*

Signs: All signs are prohibited from being in the public right of way of a street or alleyway. *Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 18, Section 2)*

Tall Grass/ Weeds: Weeds, grasses and noxious plants cannot exceed one foot high with the exception of crops, hay, pasture, ornamental grasses, plants for landscaping purposes, wildflowers, garden plants and wetland. *Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 18, Section 2)*

If you would like to learn more, please check out the complete Town Code and Zoning Ordinances on our website, www.avongov.org.

TOWN OF AVON



Welcome to the Town of Avon

The annexation of properties in the southwest part of the Town has become effective.

Here is a list of phone numbers for Town Services:

Police

Non Emergency Request to Meet or Speak with an Officer	839-8700
Administration	272-4485
Gun, Copies of Incident & Accident Reports, Vacation Inspections	
Emergency Requiring an Officer	911

Town Court

Traffic Tickets, Ordinance Violation Tickets	272-5478
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Planning and Building

Building Permits, Fence Permits, Code Enforcement	272-0948
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Public Works

Road Maintenance, Snow Removal, Drainage	272-0948
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Administration

Town Council, Town Manager, Clerk Treasurer, Alarm Permits	272-0948
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Other Information

Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 pm except November (3rd Thursday) and December (1st and 3rd Thursday)

Boards and Commissions

The Town has the following Boards and Commissions that you are eligible to serve on:

Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Police Merit Board, Redevelopment Commission, Economic Development Commission and Parks Advisory Council

Appointments are made at the beginning of each year. If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, send an email to Town Manager Tom Klein at tklein@avongov.org.

Scholarships

Ivy Tech Avon and Trine University Avon both offer scholarships for Avon residents through an agreement with the Town. You can contact Ivy Tech at 921-4539 or via email at training@lists.ivytech.edu and Trine University at 775-8410 or via email at avon@trine.edu for more information.

YMCA

Each family in Town receives an annual \$50 programming discount at the Hendricks Regional Health Y. You do not need to be a member to get the discount.

Tree Sale

The Town conducts a tree sale in the fall and usually in the spring. Residents that purchase trees will have their trees delivered to their house. If you want to plant a tree in the area between the street and sidewalk, the Town will dig the hole.

WELCOME TO AVON

Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY

Indiana Poison Center.....	1-800-382-9097
Police and Fire Dispatch (non-emergency).....	839-8700
Washington Township/Avon Fire Department (Admin).....	272-2155

ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

GENERAL

State of Indiana General Information.....	233-0800
Greater Avon Chamber of Commerce.....	272-4333
Avon Town Hall.....	272-0948
Avon Police Department Administration (non-emergency).....	272-4485
Avon Community School Administration Building.....	544-6000
Hendricks County Commissioner's Office.....	745-9221
Hendricks County Health Department.....	745-9217
Animal Control.....	745-9250
Avon Junior Athletic Association.....	839-5480
Holey Moley Utility Locations.....	1-800-382-5544
Better Business Bureau.....	488-2222
Hendricks County Sheriff's Department (Admin).....	745-6269

UTILITIES

Indianapolis Water Company.....	639-1501
Vectren Gas Company.....	800-777-2060
West Central Conservancy District (Sewer company).....	272-2980
Duke Energy.....	800-774-1202
Hendricks Power.....	745-5473
Ameritech/SBC.....	800-480-8088
Bright House Cable.....	972-9700

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you are planning to finish your basement, build a deck, room addition, or an accessory building, you will need to obtain a Building Permit from the Town of Avon Building Department. Be sure to check your Neighborhood Covenants for restrictions and guidelines. Building permit applications are available on our web site and at our office.
- Before installing a fence in your yard, be sure to check your property plot plan for Drainage and Utility Easements, and call our office regarding restrictions on fences. If you are unsure of Easement locations, visit the Avon Town Hall for more information. By obstructing a Drainage Easement, you may unintentionally create a breeding ground for mosquitoes!
- For the safety of others, please keep Portable Basketball goals out of the street and the Public Right-of-Way (the area between the sidewalk and the street)
- If you have installed a Security Alarm System in your home, you must obtain an Alarm Permit from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- Visit the Town of Avon on the Internet! Find Community Information, a Calendar of Events, and much more at: www.avongov.org