

Mayor Jensen's Message to the Community



Mayor Jensen with his wife Kim.

Summer is coming to an end and I hope you have been able to spend time outdoors, going for walks or bike rides, taking in baseball games, going for a swim or grabbing an ice cream cone. It has been a joy to see so many people taking advantage of our great parks this summer and spending time with their families.

As summer transitions to fall, I've been thinking about the years I spent working at my family's Greenhouse. I always felt that the change of seasons brought an opportunity for renewal, a time when I could 'start over again'. If the Greenhouse had a less-than-stellar spring season, I knew summer would be here soon and things would be better if I worked a little harder. Then if we had a really good fall season, I could look forward to having an equally good winter and Christmas season.

Although I'm not at the Greenhouse anymore, I still feel the same when the seasons change. The new season offers a time for me to feel hopeful and optimistic. If I am experiencing difficult times, whether it is related to work, home or family, I take the opportunity that comes with the change of seasons to say "I will do things differently now". Even if the changes I want to make seem too big to tackle, I can do anything for a season, right?

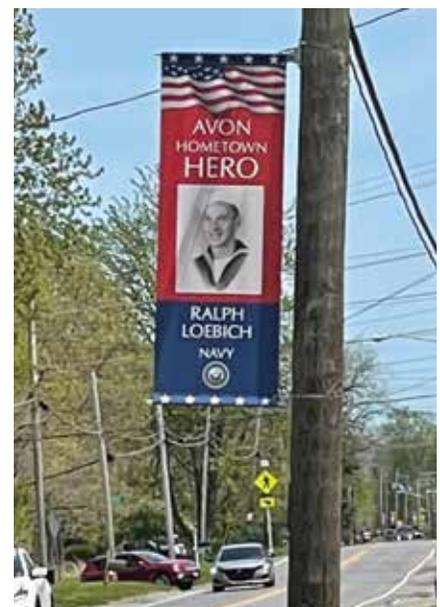
I stopped for lunch recently at a local restaurant where a small child gave me a big smile. It made my day. This child did not know who I was nor will he ever know how much that smile meant to me. It reminded me of the times when a friendly hello or smile lifted my spirits. Maybe each of us can make a promise that, for just this season, we will make an effort to lift someone else's spirit, lend a helping hand to those in need, or have a face-to-face conversation with someone, rather than sending a text or email. After fall is over, continue your commitment through the winter months. We have the chance to "start over" each season and to do and be better than we were before.

I really believe that the more you give, the more you get in return. For those of us that feel especially blessed, I hope we choose to pay it forward to others, remembering even a good season will end and we may be the one needing help or encouragement.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your mayor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Jensen'.

Bryan K. Jensen



Mayor Jensen's grandfather honored as a hometown hero.

"Appreciate where you are in your journey, even if it's not where you want to be. Every season serves a purpose." — Anonymous

AVON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Moosehead BBQ Grill



Moosehead BBQ Grill located just before the railroad tracks on State Route 83 next to Golf Zone has been completely remodeled. This family business is owned by Executive Chef Josh Hagg and his father. The renovations were completed by Josh and his grandfather, a true labor of love.



Moosehead BBQ Avon is also part of Moosehead BBQ Amherst. The expansive outdoor patio has a dedicated area for bands to play and is ready to host your friends and family. Moosehead BBQ offers live music year-round on

their patio or inside their spacious dining room.

Their menu includes traditional favorite smoked meats, barbeque ribs, burgers, salads, seafood, a children's menu, and a fun happy hour menu. There is something for everyone!

Watch Moosehead BBQ Facebook and Instagram pages for updated hours, specials, and live music announcements. Stop in and support local!

Dine in, take out and catering available

Scan QR for menu



BUSINESS UPDATE

Now Open

Affinity IV Hydration and Med Spa
36050 Detroit Road

NEW LOCATION

Building Blocks Therapy
36711 American Way
Formerly at 38530 Chester Road

Howell's Landscaping
34100 Mills Road

McConnell Meats
35840 Chester Road

Under Construction

Charley's Cheesesteak
Chester Road

Chili's Restaurant
35585 Chester Road

City Barbeque
35495 Chester Road

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburger
35815 Chester Road

Hunter International
37779 Chester Road

Lorain Public Library Avon Branch
37485 Harvest Drive

Mezquite Restaurant
35846 Detroit Road
Formerly IHop

QuickBrite Car Wash
2325 Nagel Road

Raising Cane's
35545 Chester Road

T3 Performance Phase 2
1965 Recreation Lane

Coming Soon

Alora Salon & Spa
35860 Detroit Road
Formerly Panera Bread

Avon Self Storage
1100 Nagel Road

BeeHive Homes – Memory Care Facility
28550 Chester Road

Caliber Collision
1370 Nagel Road
Formerly Westlake Auto Body

Crash Champions
38401 Chester Road
Formerly Lake Erie Harley Davidson

GetGo Car Wash
33501 Just Imagine Drive

McAlister's Deli
35355 Chester Road

Pro Image Sign and Graphics
33751 Lear Industrial Parkway

Speedway
35045 wwChester Road

Studio of Skin Care
36941 Detroit Road



CONGRATULATIONS to the following Avon businesses who were recently awarded the prestigious *Cleveland Magazine* **Best of the West** designation in the following categories.

Please continue to support these and all our local Avon businesses.

STEAK

Strip Steakhouse

**FAMILY DINING**

Avon Brewing Company

**ICE CREAM**

Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream

**SALON**

Charles Scott Salons & Spas

**BAKERY**

Kelsey Elizabeth Cakes

**SENIOR LIVING**

Rose Senior Living

**BURGER**

Heck's Café

**FITNESS CENTER**

UH Avon Fitness Center

**CHARITABLE CAUSES**

Prayers from Maria

**GARDEN CENTER**

Petitti Garden Center

**WINE STORE**

Heinen's Grocery Store

**BEER SELECTIONS (RETAIL)**

Minotti's Wine & Spirits

**HOME DÉCOR**

Wild Iris Home

**CLE T-SHIRT SHOP**

GV Art + Design

**GYMNASTICS**

The Little Gym



Save the Dates

Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit **September 1st-5th**

Avon Safety Fair **September 10th**

Not So Spooky Halloween **October 15th**

Arbor Day Celebration **November 5th**

Avon Tree Lighting **December 3rd**

For an up-to-date listing of events happening in the City or to submit your event, please visit allaboutavon.org

FRENCH CREEK

Avon Tree Lighting News



Avon Tree Lighting 2021

The Christmas spirit is in the air with some exciting news! Avon's Annual Tree Lighting event is expanding to bring even more joy to 2022 and will now be held at the Avon Aquatic Facility area (36265 Detroit Road). The French Creek Foundation, along with Wealth Health, in collaboration with the City are leading up some new surprises.

“Our focus of the Saturday, December 3rd event is to bring cheer to a child going through a tough time and make an impact on their life,” said French Creek Foundation President Clint Gault. A special child will arrive with Santa in a horse-drawn carriage to help light the tree!

The festivities begin at 3:30 pm and will feature performances by the Fairy Tale Foundation, a live DJ, Avon's High School Choir and Jazz band. There will be popular holiday attractions that have become tradition in our community such as live reindeer, pony rides, pizza generously provided by Master's Pizza, Swensons, hot cocoa, coffee, crafts, and much more. One of the best parts is that, due to all of the donations and efforts by many local businesses and volunteers, such as Avon Schools, KMU, Lowe's, Wickens Herzer Panza, and many others, it is all free. “It would not be possible without them and they are greatly appreciated!” said Clint Gault.

Visit frenchcreekfoundation.com/Christmas for more details and information on the Ride with Santa and Gingerbread contests. Families with kids with special needs will be able to schedule their visit with Santa between 1:30 and 3:30 pm on the website and get details on the new location for this as well.



Golden Ticket Winner 2021



Santa entrance 2021

COUNCIL CORNER by Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

What is the Role of City Council and When Should You Contact Your Elected Officials?



Members of Council, left to right: Jennifer Demaline, Tammy Holtzmeier, Brian Fischer, Scott Radcliffe, Dennis McBride, Tony Moore, and Craig Witherspoon

As local legislators, Avon City Council Members are responsible for and responsive to the citizens who elected them. According to the City Charter and State laws, they have the authority to perform the following functions:

- Review and approve the annual budget
- Establish tax rates
- Enter into legal contracts
- Borrow funds
- Pass Ordinances and Resolutions that protect the public
- Approve city capital building projects
- Regulate land use through zoning laws
- Regulate business activity through licensing and regulations
- Exercise the power of eminent domain
- Communicate policies and programs to residents
- Respond to constituent needs and complaints
- Represent the community to other levels of government

It is important to note that the Mayor cannot spend City funds without the approval of City Council. The Mayor is the Chief Administrator of the City of Avon, and his role is to administer the laws of the City through the efficient operation of various departments such as Police, Fire, Building, Service, Utilities, Parks, and the City Administration. In contrast, the role of City Council is to legislate through the passage of laws whether by creating new laws and regulations or by amending existing laws when necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon.

When considering whether to contact a member of City Council or the Mayor's office or a specific department within the City, ask yourself if you want to have an existing law enforced or if you are asking for a new law or an amendment to an existing law, which might include spending City funds. If you are seeking to have a new law or to change an existing law, then the City Council is who to contact.

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Photos Around Avon

- 1 Grand Marshal, 4th of July Bike Parade
- 2-4 Avon Bike Parade
- 5-7 Memorial Day Remembrance
- 8-10 Movie night in the park





SAFETY DIRECTOR CORNER by Duane Streator

Safety & Service Director Message

POLICE DEPARTMENT



A reminder to residents regarding distracted driving. It is illegal to text and drive within the City of Avon. It is imperative that when operating your vehicle, that all distractions be eliminated for everyone's safety.

We have experienced an increase in collisions because of distracted driving and need your help in reducing them. Remember to be focused and not distracted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the weather changes and outdoor recreational fires become more of a regular occurrence for many, we would like to remind you of the necessity to make sure they are safe. Make sure the fire is contained in a fire pit or similar structure and that it is 25 feet from any building. Only burn clean dry wood and no other materials. Keep the fire 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height. Please be considerate of any smoke from the fire that would affect your neighbors.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

We receive many calls regarding the branch pick up and yard waste. To help clarify this issue, following are the guidelines of the services provided to our residents.

Chipping service is offered by the City of Avon Service Department. We make one pass through the city each week to chip loose branches that are left curbside. Branches should not be larger than 6 inches in diameter and root balls must be removed from shrubs to prevent damage to the chipper.

Yard waste pick up is done by Republic Waste on trash day. This includes smaller bundled branches that are no longer than four feet in length and weigh less than 35 pounds and/or yard waste (grass clippings, dead plants, leaves, etc.) in the brown refuse bags, clear plastic bags or trash cans clearly marked as "yard waste".

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater management reduces the amount of runoff and runoff pollution by slowing the rainwater runoff and allowing it to soak into the ground closest to where it falls. This is important to slow soil erosion and fewer pollutants that can be carried into our waterways, which is essential to support the function and resiliency of both community health and the ecosystem.

How can you help? It's very simple!

1. Do not dump yard waste onto the banks of or into any creek, ditch, street or storm drain.
2. Sweep grass clippings off paved areas and back into the lawn.
3. Leave grass clippings on your lawn with a mulching mower.
4. If composting at home, locate the pile away from waterways.
5. Consider building a rain garden with deeply rooted native plants that capture runoff so it can infiltrate into the soil.

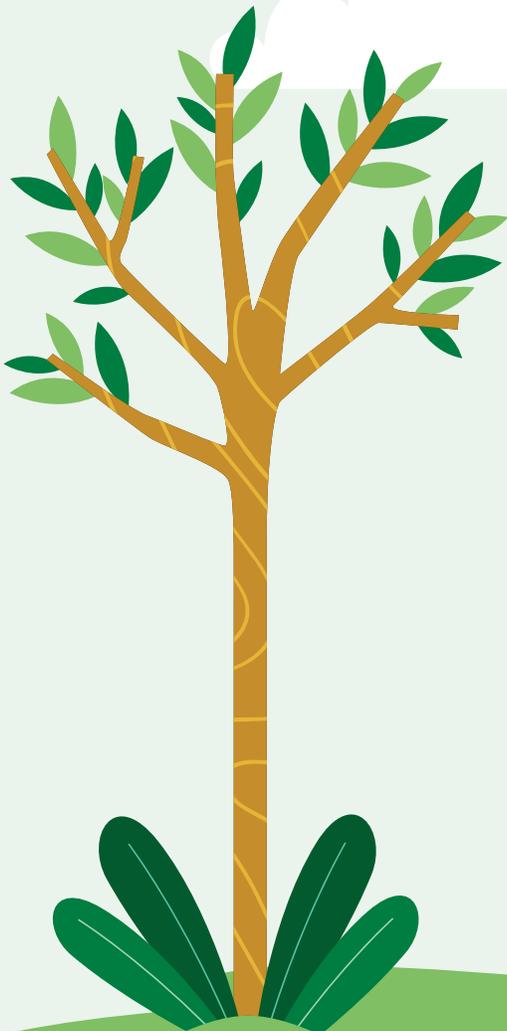
Please do not hesitate to contact any of our departments to address any of your concerns. We enjoy working with you to make our community better every day.



TREE COMMISSION

Avon Parks Memorial Trees

Residents are invited to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one, to dedicate to a friend or family member, or to commemorate a special event as part of the City of Avon Memorial Tree Program. Neighbors and guests in our parks share that remembrance and harmony for present and future generations. For more information to find the form please go to the City of Avon home page.



City of Avon Construction Update

To stay up to date on road construction around the City of Avon, please scan the QR code below to find the latest construction information.

Please note that repaving on State Route 83 from Detroit Road to the Roundabout will occur in the evenings beginning September 1st. More details on the website.



Scan QR code for link
to construction updates

Senior Center Update

The Avon Senior Center is open and is offering activities and trips. Center Coordinator Carmelina Suydam and her team have great events planned! To stay up to date on the services and events offered, please visit cityofavon.com/159/senior-center.

PARKS AND REC UPDATE

Summer Checklist

Things To Do Before Summer Ends:

- 1 Visit the new playground at Eagle Point Park.
- 2 Check on the status of the new pickleball courts at Avon High School.
- 3 Check on the status of the fishing pier at Eagle Point Park.
- 4 See the new Canning Family K-9 Park at Veterans Park.
- 5 See how Eagle Point Park and Veterans Memorial Park are connected via walking path.

So many great things are happening in our parks!
Check them all out!



Playground at Eagle Point Park



Dogs playing in Canning Family K-9 Park

Pickleball Courts

The City of Avon, in collaboration with Avon Local Schools, is excited to announce five designated pickleball courts. The courts will be located at Avon High School. This project is part of the full tennis court expansion project. There will be 11 total lit courts. More details to come as the project nears completion. Stay tuned to both Avon Local School and City of Avon websites for updates.



Canning Family K-9 Park

A few friendly reminders when visiting Canning Family K-9 Park with your four legged friend:

- 1 Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the fence area. Owners must have leashes visible at all times.
- 2 Dog waste must be picked up immediately by owner and placed in trash cans.
- 3 For additional Dog Park Rules & Regulations please visit our website www.cityofavon.com.



Canning family and Mayor Jensen at Ribbon Cutting

Remembering Our Fallen Event

The City of Avon is proud to host Remembering Our Fallen. The event is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military Fallen from The Global War on Terror (9/11/2001 – 8/30/2021). Unlike brick-and-mortar memorials, Remembering Our Fallen is designed to travel and includes both military and personal photos. Its legacy will be that these men and women will be remembered, and their names will be spoken, while helping to lessen the grief of their families.

The memorial will be on display at the Avon Veteran's Memorial, 36265 Detroit Road, Avon, September 1st-5th (all day). Members of the local VFW Post 7035 will be on-site each day from 10am-4pm to answer questions. The memorial will be accessible 24 hours a day. For questions or more information please contact Sheri Seroka at sseroka@cityofavon.com or (440) 420-2041.

The display will kick off with a very special opening ceremony on September 1st at 10am.

Order of events for the opening ceremony:

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Army National Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jeff Stanczyk

INVOCATION

Pastor Phail

WELCOME

Mayor Jensen

RIDERLESS HORSE

Cleveland Police Department Mounted Unit

RIFLE SALUTE

Army National Guard

TAPS

Kerry Barvincak

AMAZING GRACE

Avon Police Officers Keith Haag and Pat Sullivan,
Members of Cleveland Police Pipe and Drum

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

Army National Guard





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Protect yourself from ticks and tick-borne diseases.

Heading outside in the warm weather? Protect yourself from ticks — tiny insects that inhabit grassy, overgrown and wooded areas — and the diseases they carry, such as Lyme disease.

“Watch for symptoms of Lyme disease, which include a low-grade fever, achy joints, headache and a red, bullseye rash. If you notice these symptoms, seek treatment immediately,” says Joseph Knapp, MD, an internal medicine physician at Cleveland Clinic Richard E. Jacobs Health Center at Richard E. Jacobs Campus.

Dr. Knapp offers these tips to help prevent tick bites:

- Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, and tuck your pant legs into your socks or shoes.
- Wear light colors since ticks are easier to see against brighter colors.
- Spray permethrin on your clothing.
- Apply a DEET-based or picaridin-based repellent to your skin.

Ticks that are removed in less than 36 hours do not transmit Lyme disease or other tick-borne illnesses.

To schedule an appointment at the Richard E. Jacobs Health Center, call 440-695-4000.