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Town of Avon Newsletter

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Over \$100 million invested in roads and trails

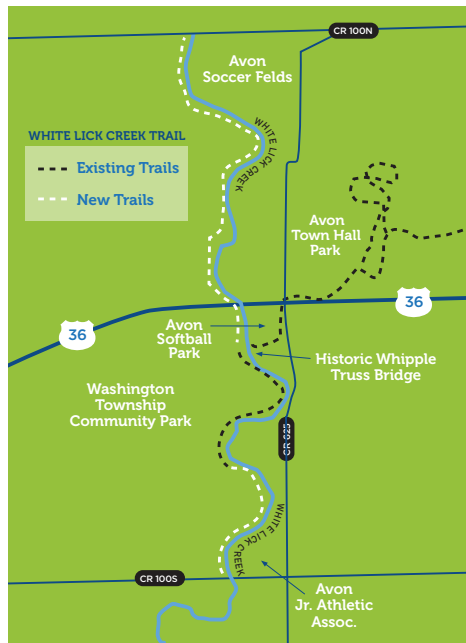
2 great new trails

Hikers, bikers, and runners have new routes to explore, as Avon recently opened two major additions to our trail network.

The 2.3-mile White Lick Creek Trail is now open between County Roads 100 North and 100 South. This trail ducks under U.S. 36 and travels through Washington Township Park, then over a bridge to the AJAA fields to a trailhead and parking lot at 100 South. In Washington Township Park, there's also a link to the Avon Town Hall Park trail.

The Avon Avenue Trail crosses the new Avon Avenue bridge over the railroad tracks, allowing users to travel from FrostBite down Avon Avenue and along 100 South to the roundabout at Dan Jones.

But that's not all! We recently received funding to develop a new trail on the west side of Ronald Reagan Parkway that will go from U.S. 36 to County Road 100 South. Construction will take place this year. It will cross the bridge over the railroad tracks and connect with trails north of U.S. 36 and south of 100 South, giving trail users a continuous route from Plainfield to the B&O Trail and beyond.



3 big road projects coming

Avon will invest \$25 million this year in three major road projects that are part of the \$100 million Go!Avon road and trail improvement program. The first will see County Road 100 South upgraded from Dan Jones to Ronald Reagan Parkway, which will include four lanes between Lexington Woods and Ronald Reagan Parkway, and a roundabout at 900 East. Two smaller roundabouts will also be added to prepare for future growth. Work is expected to begin in late summer or early fall and wrap up next year. Hendricks County and Plainfield may assist with financing the project.

Once school is out for the summer, work will begin on a roundabout at the intersection of Avon Avenue and County Road 150 South by Avon High School.

The long-awaited reconstruction of County Road 200 North should start around April 1, after utility relocation is complete. The road will be completely rebuilt from Dan Jones to Reagan Parkway in a two-lane boulevard style. It will include infrastructure to accommodate future expansion to four lanes once additional funding is available.

More projects to come

- The state will add a lane in each direction to U.S. 36 (Rockville Road) between Raceway Road and Shiloh Park Drive. Work is expected to begin in 2021.
- Hendricks County plans to widen the Dan Jones Road bridge to four lanes over the railroad tracks, and Avon will widen Dan Jones to four lanes from south end of Dan Jones bridge to County Road 100 South.
- Avon has applied for federal funds to widen Dan Jones to four lanes between County Roads 100 South and 150 South and replace the stoplight at the Dan Jones/150 South intersection with a roundabout.



Road and trail project dates are subject to funding and may be changed.



Protecting vulnerable citizens

What happens when someone with dementia, autism, or a developmental disability wanders away from safety? Finding that person quickly is critically important, and thanks to a generous community, it's easier for local first responders to do that.

Through Project Lifesaver International, people who tend to wander away can wear a small radio transmitter. Local first responders have equipment that can instantly pinpoint the location of the transmitter when the caregiver reports the person is missing.



Avon Fire's Karen Utley and APD Assistant Chief Brian Nugent with Project Lifesaver founder Gene Saunders at the 2018 Conference.

Today, 62 Hendricks County residents wear those transmitters, thanks to a joint effort between Avon/Washington Township Fire Department's Karen Utley, who brought the program to the county, and the Avon Police Department, which obtained a federal grant to purchase equipment. Thanks to support from local businesses, it's completely free to local families who qualify. For example, Champion Chevrolet recently donated \$15,000 to put tracking equipment in all of Avon's schools.

Karen and APD Assistant Chief Brian Nugent were asked to speak at the program's 2018 international conference so other communities could learn from Avon's success. If you'd like to know more, contact Utley at [317-272-2155](tel:317-272-2155) or visit projectlifesaverhendrickscounty.weebly.com

Completing thoroughfare plan

Avon has invested more than \$100 million in roads and trails over the past decade. The town is currently finishing an update to its thoroughfare plan, which is a document prioritizing projects. That plan allows the town to apply for federal funds for those projects.

Neighbors YOU SHOULD KNOW

Devoted to his son, dedicated to service



Parag and Shiv Patel prepare to tube down the slope

We live in a county rich in faith, evidenced by more than 150 places of worship. Just east of the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, you'll find a center for Avon's growing Hindu population. The BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir (temple) is one of 100 such temples in the U.S. and another 1,000 worldwide.

Parag Patel is active in the BAPS charity organization, whose summer walkathon supports the Nature Conservancy and Hendricks County Head Start. A relatively recent Avon arrival, he is also involved with several local groups.

Born and raised in central New Jersey, Parag moved here from Indianapolis in 2014 and calls Cobblestone Springs home. A graduate of New York University's Stern School of Business, he owns and manages a portfolio of residential real estate.

Outside of work, two things occupy Parag's time. The first is his son, Shiv, who shares his boundless curiosity about the world. You'll see the pair everywhere from parks, to high school basketball games, to museums, to behind-the-scenes tours of local infrastructure. "Avon is a wonderful place to raise children," Parag says.

"There are dozens of fun and unique activities within a 30-minute drive."

The second is his commitment to charitable and service projects. "I'm involved with several coalitions led by the Hendricks County Health Department focused on reducing tobacco and substance abuse and promoting interfaith cooperation," he explains. "I'm also involved with the Avon Rotary Club and help organize field trips for the STEM Scout program that's part of the Boy Scouts." Parag finds inspiration globally, citing as an example a program in India through which teenagers implemented a campaign that freed more than 600,000 people from addiction.

Not surprisingly, Parag recognizes the importance of individual contributions to our town's quality of life. **"Avon and its surrounding communities have many exceptional and creative leaders who work together to benefit our community. The town's leadership is always accessible and listens to and responds effectively to the community's needs."**



State controls cable TV



When a cable TV operator blocked local access to several channels, many residents asked Avon's town government to help. Unfortunately, towns like Avon no longer have authority over cable TV providers. In 2006, the State of Indiana took that authority away, although Avon still collects a 5% fee from cable providers. (We use that money to help fund police officer salaries.)

What should you do if you have a complaint about your cable service? Start by contacting your cable provider. If that doesn't resolve the problem, contact the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission at 1-800-851-4268 or online at www.in.gov/iurc.

Community CALENDAR

Dates and times subject to change. Check avongov.org for updates.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON?

Monday, March 18

Spring Tree Sale Begins
avongov.org

Monday, March 25

Spring Kids Camp begins
Washington Township Community Park,
washingtontwpparks.org

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Heavy Trash & Shred Day
Public Works Salt Facility on Gable Drive, *avongov.org*

Saturday, April 27, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Artscape 2019
Avon-Washington Township Library, *avonlibrary.net*

Saturday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spring Fling Radio Control Festival
Town Hall Park,
avongov.org/parks

Wednesday, May 29

Summer Kids Camp begins
Washington Township Community Park,
washingtontwpparks.org

Tuesday, June 4, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Avon Farmers Market begins
Hendricks Regional Health Parking Lot

Friday, June 7, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Concert by the Creek
Washington Township Community Park,
washingtontwpparks.org

Saturday, June 29, 4:00 p.m.

Rib-Fest, Rib Run 5K and Balloon Glow
Kingsway Christian Church,
avonchamber.org

Thursday, July 4, 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Run 4 Freedom 5k
Town Hall Park,
fun-races.com



Friday, July 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Concert by the Creek
Washington Township Community Park,
washingtontwpparks.org

Friday, August 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Concert by the Creek
Washington Township Community Park,
washingtontwpparks.org

Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

National Night Out
Lowe's Parking Lot

Friday, August 9, at dusk

Movies on the Hill
Town Hall Park,
avongov.org/parks

Friday, September 6, at dusk

Movies on the Hill
Town Hall Park,
avongov.org/parks

FAQs Frequent Avon Questions

How are rezoning requests reviewed?

(FAQ is a new feature for questions about how Avon works. Have one? Please email it to faq@avongov.org.)

The recent Fairwood PUD development proposal led to misunderstandings among neighbors, some of whom incorrectly believed the Town Council was encouraging high-density housing.

All private property in Avon is zoned, specifying what may and may not be built on a particular parcel. For example, if a lot is zoned for residential development, the owner can't build a gas station there. This protects adjacent property owners.

When someone wants to develop a parcel, they are allowed to do so as long as their plans comply with the zoning. Suppose you own a 50-acre parcel that's zoned residential. If you want to build there, you're allowed to as long as you meet the standards.

If someone wants to create a development that's not permitted under the current zoning, which is what happened in the Fairwood PUD case, they can request a

zoning change. Avon's Director of Building and Planning is required to study the proposed change to see whether it's consistent with the town's Comprehensive Plan, and provides that information to the Plan Commission, a board of seven members, three appointed by the Town Council, and four by the Town Council president. The Plan Commission reviews the information, and then makes a recommendation to the Town Council as to whether the change should be approved or rejected. The final decision rests with the five-member Town Council, which is elected by local voters.

The town has a legal responsibility to consider every request for zoning changes. Reviewing proposals doesn't mean the town automatically supports or opposes them—we're simply doing what the law requires. To learn more about zoning and the Comprehensive Plan, visit the Planning section at avongov.org.



PLANT SOME TREES!

Avon is Hendricks County's first Tree City USA Community, and we love when residents add beautiful trees to their yards. Our annual Spring Tree Sale, which runs from March 18 through April 19, offers discounted trees and curb drop-off service. [Visit avongov.org](http://avongov.org) to see what's available and download an order form!

Free Heavy Trash & Shred Day

It's time for Spring Cleaning, but what do you do with all that stuff?

Dispose of bigger items at no cost by bringing them to our Public Works Salt Facility (on Gable Drive behind Ashley Furniture) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 (for Avon residents only—ID required). We'll also have a heavy-duty shredder. A list of what we can accept appears below, and if you have something that isn't on the list, visit hendrickssolidwaste.com to see where it can go.

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT

- Upholstered furniture
- Outdoor/patio furniture
- Desks and bookcases
- TV stands
- Scrap metal (no cars)
- Toys & playground equipment
- Exercise equipment
- Mattresses & box springs
- Carpeting and rugs

ITEMS WE CAN SHRED

- Paper (no cardboard)
- Folders
- Binders
- Paper clips and staples

NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AREA



In December, the Avon Town Council approved the creation of a district to support business development near Ronald Reagan Parkway and County Road 200 North. The new Ronald Reagan Parkway Economic Development Area allows the Town of Avon to make needed infrastructure improvements and repay the cost through the future property taxes on businesses in the area.

The 663-acre area includes land on both sides of Ronald Reagan Parkway between IU West Hospital and 200 North, the old airport property between 900 East and Ronald Reagan Parkway and north of 200 North, and farmland north of 200 North and west of 900 East.

Sweet sounds this summer

Live music is a summertime pleasure, and thanks to Washington Township Parks and Recreation, the Avon Chamber of Commerce, and the Avon Parks Department, you can enjoy it without traveling very far. They'll begin the annual Concert by the Creek series on Friday, June 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the lower amphitheater in Washington Township Community Park. See who's playing and when at washingtontwpparks.org.



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Community safety.

An incorporated town since 1995, Avon is a professionally managed community governed by a five-member Town Council who sets policy and employs a Town Manager to implement that policy. The town's Police Chief is appointed annually by the Town Council President. Have a suggestion or just want to know more?

Visit AvonGov.org, or call Town Manager Tom Klein at 272-0948 ext. 101.



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