

NOTICE OF SEWER RATE INCREASE

In March of 2023, MN Rural Water completed an analysis of the city’s sewer and water rate structure relative to operating costs and debt service requirements. The study showed that water usage rates should be set at \$3.43/1,000 gallons and sewer usage rates should be set at \$7.32/1,000 gallons.

In response to the study, at their March 2023 meeting, the Avon City Council voted to increase the water usage fee from \$3.06/1,000 gallons to \$3.43/1,000 gallons. At that same time, based on feedback from residents and businesses, the sewer rate was raised from \$5.03 to \$6.03 per 1,000 gallons with the intention that the council would raise rates to \$7.32/1,000 gallons at the end of this year making the increase more incremental and perhaps less of a burden all at once.

At their meeting November 6th, the city council did vote unanimously to implement the sewer rate increase to \$7.32/1,000 gallons. The increase will be on your February bill for usage during December and January. Prior to 2023, the rates had not been increased since 2018.

Avon Community Center

The mission of the Avon Community Center is to provide a safe and healthy place to build relationships through fun activities, community and educational programs. The location will be where Lions Park currently is with 6,000 square feet that will seat up to 160 people. Open concept events will accommodate approximately 276 people with adequate parking. We have a new website for the community center which everyone can access at: avoncommunitycenter.com. The site is new and a work in progress so keep checking the page to find out details about the center. Donations to the community center can be made on this page in many different ways. Please take a moment as this community center is for all of the Avon area to use. If you have any questions, please contact: JoAnn Dirkes @ 320-240-1550 or Mike Appel @ 507-829-3565.

Submitted by: Over the Hills of Avon steering committee.

Got a Sneaky Leak?

Try this simple test to find out if your toilet is silently leaking water (and costing you money!). All you need is dark food coloring and an old towel.

- 1) Put an old towel around the base of the toilet just in case, dye can stain flooring.
- 2) Lift the lid off of your toilet tank.
- 3) Then put several drops of dark food coloring into the toilet tank.
- 4) Finally, wait an hour or two to see if the dye appears in the bowl. If it does, you have a leak.



Avon Elementary Inclusive Playground

Avon Elementary Committee of Avon Parents & Staff (CAPS) goal is to expand our school’s playground to be a place where every person, generation and ability can come play together with new inclusive playground equipment and an inclusive play surface. Goals are being met with generous donors. Please consider a donation to bring to life the playground campaign’s next phase and participate in Avon 50/50 Frosty Snowfall Contest.

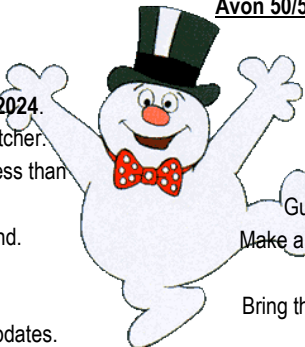
Questions or more info at capsavonelementary@gmail.com.

Avon 50/50 Frosty Snowfall Contest

Support Avon Elementary Inclusive Playground
Frosty wants to know. How much snow?

- *Guess the Avon Snowfall total for **Oct.1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024**.
- *Avon Actual Snowfall as reported by Avon WCCO Weather Watcher.
- *50% of entry \$ to winner(s) with exact guess or closest guess less than actual snowfall. Multiple winners will split equally.
- *50% of entry \$ donated to Avon Elementary Inclusive Playground.
- *Avon Women of Today will match donation up to \$500.
- *Sponsored by Avon Women of Today.

*See our Facebook Page for Frosty businesses and updates.



Avon 50/50 Frosty Snowfall Entry

\$2 each guess or 3 for \$5

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Guess must be inches or partial inches. (Ex. 20.2")

Guess #1 _____ Guess #2 _____ Guess #3 _____

Make a separate donation to the Avon Elementary Playground for \$ _____

Cash or Checks payable to Avon Women of Today

Bring this form and \$ in envelope to Avon City Hall or Avon Frosty businesses by

December 20, 2023.



****We offer DIRECT PAYMENT for utility bills for your convenience. If you are interested in signing up please fill in the form below and return to City Hall before the 13th for this billing period.***

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT

I authorize the **CITY OF AVON** and the financial institution named below to initiate electronic entries to my checking account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify Avon City Hall and the bank in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying the Avon City Hall **FIVE** days before my account is charged.

(NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION)

(Routing Number)

(Account Number)

(NAME – PLEASE PRINT)

(PROPERTY ADDRESS – PLEASE PRINT)

(SIGNATURE)

(PHONE NUMBER)

(DATE)

PAYMENTS ARE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH DUE.