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Village of Avoca Newsletter

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Village Clerk Hours

Monday / Wednesday

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday / Thursday / Friday

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

2nd Thurs 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

NEW SATURDAY HOURS

Saturday following Board

Meeting 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Tony Comstock (607) 566-2475

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Trustees:

- Andrew Hubbard
- Donald Rodbourn
- Marcia Rowe Smalt
- Rebekah Abbott

Zoning Officer:

Beth Peck (607) 368-3571

Dog Control Officer:

Deb Matthews (607) 384-9501

Assessor:

Laura Snow (607) 566-8511

Thursdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Village News

Please join us for our Village Board Meetings on the 2nd

Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town/Village Hall.

NOTICES

Village Tax Bills

As a reminder, any unpaid Village Tax bills as of November 1, 2025 were sent to the County for relevy.

FINAL NOTICE for Water Meter Upgrades

For properties that have not changed over to the new meters, a penalty will remain in effect. Contact the Village Street / Water Supervisor to schedule the change.

Picnic Table Donations

The Village Board is currently looking to replace several of the old picnic tables under the pavilion as Hees Park in the spring of 2026. If any resident would like to donate a picnic table, similar to the former project at Memorial Park, please contact the Village Clerk for further information. Donor Plaques are currently being ordered for placement in Village Parks to thank those donors at each location.

Upcoming Events:

December 6 from 5:30PM to 8:30PM

Christmas in the Park

December 25

Christmas Day

December 31

New Year's Eve

January 1, 2026

Happy New Year!!

March 19, 2026

Village Special Election

If you have messages for our electronic sign or have information for our newsletter, please email:

clerk@villageofavoca.org

e The sign should only be used for milestones or announcements for the Avoca area.

Water Bill Adjustments

As most residents are aware, the Fall Water Bill had to be adjusted due to the Water Meter Reader malfunction. Since then, the Village has purchased anew Water Meter Reader and this quarters monthly water bill was adjusted for the previous billing cycle. If any resident feels there is an error on you water bill, please contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall so any adjustment can be addressed.

Community Updates

Currently Serving in the United States Navy Electrician's Mate Third Class Chase Knowles

Chase Knowles, formerly of Carrington Street, returned home this summer and donated to the Village a 10'x 6' American Flag that was put up at the Avoca Park it for the Park Event held on September 8, 2025. Chase entered the US Navy in the summer of 2023 and served in the decommissioning of the USS Devastator (MCM6) in Bahran, Manama and he is now stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, awaiting deployment on the USS Wasp (LHD1). Thank you Chase for your service and your donation!



Welcome Trustee Rebekah Abbott!!

Trustee Lannie (Jimmy) Gay left his position as a Trustee on October 20, 2025 after 5 years of service to the community. Thank you, Jimmy, for your service to the Village. Rebekah Abbott, of South Main Street, formerly serving as the Village Planning / ZBA Chairperson, was appointed to fill this position until a Special Village election to be held on March 19, 2026. Welcome to the Village Board Rebekah!!

Message from the Mayor

As winter approaches, our municipal projects are being wrapped up for this year for the Village. Projects update include:

- 1. The East Avenue Culvert Replacement project continues with only the right-of-way planning and the approval from the Army Corp of Engineers pending. The summer of 2026 construction estimate, came in above the original Grant award amount, but efforts have been made to secure the additional funds from NYS to cover the entire cost of the construction process.*
- 2. The Village continues to discuss the CDBG Grant for the Water System Engineering Study with HUNT Engineering. The Village Board would like to thank the businesses and residents that submitted letters of support for this project and we are currently awaiting the approval for the Grant.*
- 3. The video surveillance cameras are in service at both Hees and Memorial Parks to monitor any acts of vandalism or other issues arising at the parks. The video camera systems were placed to cover all areas of both parks.*
- 4. The River Street sidewalk to Hees Park has been completed. Several other dangerous sidewalk blocks were also repaired throughout the Village this year and will recommence in the spring of 2026.*
- 5. The Village Board is in discussions for the Host Community Agreement, Road Use Agreement and Decommissioning Agreement for the solar project off South Main Street. Projects being discussed for the host agreement include a new sidewalk down South Main Street to Route 415, new playground equipment at Hees Park, as well as additional sidewalk lighting throughout the Village. Further updates on this project will be announced in the future.*

Please feel free to contact me at the Village Hall or call me at 607-281-8617 with any questions.

Mayor Eric R. Tyner

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

There is no parking permitted on Village streets from November 1 through April 1 from 1:00 AM to 6:30 AM for snow removal. As a reminder, it is a violation of NYS law to remove snow from private property and push onto a public sidewalk or street. Therefore, please be reminded that when shoveling, snow blowing or plowing snow, do not deposit this snow on the village streets or sidewalks. Thank you to all residents for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

December 6, 2025 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Parade at 5:30 PM

Parade line-up at 5:00 PM at Haine's runway. Please come out for this year's event, which has been moved to the evening with the parade, games, music, tree lighting, kids can see Santa Clause and the other events to be held around Gazebo Park on Main Street!