

SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

- If you have unwanted materials small or large, including washers, dryers or furniture, now is the time to trash them.
- Removal is FREE for Avon residents.
- Monday, May 12 – Friday, May 16.
- Pick up ends at 2:00 p.m. on May 16.
- Items must be placed curbside.
- No batteries, paint, tires, construction trash or motor oil.
- Refrigerators only accepted with documentation that a certified technician has removed the Freon. Refrigerator doors must also be removed.

Call 748-4100 to schedule pick up or for more info visit www.avon.org. Call Eagle County Landfill at 926-3626 for more info on disposal of materials not accepted by the Avon.

*Residents are responsible for their cinder clean-up. Please leave them curbside and the Town of Avon will pick them up

GEARING UP FOR WARM WEATHER

As warm weather sets in Avon's Public Works crews will be working around town. Below are a few of the spring and summer projects on their to-do list:

- **Road Work** – Roads will be striped May 12-16 and September 15-19. Repaving will occur between May and July on Sun Road and Hurd Lane. Please be patient with cone zones, detours, etc.
- **Irrigation** – In April or May, the town irrigation system will be charged, utilizing water from Nottingham Lake to irrigate all of the town maintained turf and planting areas from Avon Elementary to the Avon Road corridor. Avon is proud that there are only a few areas in town that use treated potable water. These areas include: Roundabout 1 on the north side of I-70, the Eagle Bend pocket park, and the two small pocket parks in Wildridge.
- **Spring Clean-Up** – Staff will be cleaning up all of the litter accumulated during winter, including litter from parks, road right-of-ways, ditches, the I-70 corridor, Eagle River corridor, and Avon's section of the Eco Trail.
- **Dog Park** – The design and construction schedule for the off-leash dog area at O'Neal Spur Park is underway. In order to save money and trees, a number of the plantings and trees from the Lake Street Project will be moved to the new dog park.



FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVON

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE: WE HAVE A PLAN

By Ron Wolfe



Your town has a master plan and it's an award winner! The prestigious American Planning Association has selected Avon's Comprehensive Plan as the recipient of the Vernon Deines Award for Outstanding Small Town or Rural Plan.

While we are gratified to receive the award for excellence, the more important point is that we have an overarching plan that guides Avon's land use and development. This is *your* plan, developed through an extensive and transparent public process, which included numerous opportunities for citizen input and review during its evolution. Adopted by Council in 2006, the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) creates goals and policies that encourage the type of growth and values that Avon citizens envisioned during the public comment process.

With the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the town has begun work on several sub-area plans that will piece-by-piece help Avon achieve its overall Comp Plan vision. All of these sub-area plans have gone through or are undergoing the same open public input process in order to ensure a transparent process that incorporates citizens' values and vision every step of the way.

The first two of these sub-area plans, the West Town Center Investment Plan and the Urban Renewal Plan, were adopted in 2007. The Urban Renewal Authority implemented the Urban Renewal Plan as a way to finance many of the improvements that we are making to town. The Investment Plan defines the goals and growth strategies for the West Town Center area. Already completed as part of the Investment Plan is Avon Station, our new transit hub. Avon Station is a central connection point for all Avon bus routes, ECO buses, and the Riverfront Gondola to Beaver Creek Resort. The next step is the construction of a new Lake Street, which will replace West Benchmark Road and run parallel to Harry A. Nottingham Park. This sub-area plan also envisions a new Main Street, Town Hall, and parking structure, as well as an expanded Recreation Center and Avon Library.

Other sub-area plans now in the works include the East Town Center Plan and the Harry A. Nottingham Park Plan. While the East Town Center area is mostly privately owned, the town, through a public hearing and comment process, is working to craft a sub-area plan that creates the type of development guidelines that meet our overall vision and values for the town. The goal of the Park Plan is to create a new master plan which incorporates public opinion in conjunction with the new Main Street corridor concepts in the Comp Plan and Investment Plan.

It's an exciting time for Avon as we begin to implement and build our vision. Visit www.avon.org for information on all of Avon's redevelopment efforts, calendar of public meetings, and to sign up for email notification on Avon's redevelopment efforts. Make sure your voice is heard—fill out any surveys you receive and come give your input at the many public meetings to make and understand decisions on land use and development in Avon.

CHECK IT OUT

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Municipal Candidate Election

Avon's Municipal Candidate Election will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Nomination petitions for three openings on the Avon Town Council will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, beginning Tues., Aug. 5, 2008. The deadline for filing the petitions is Aug. 25, 2008.

Contact Town Clerk Patty McKenny at 748-4035 for more information.

Survey Says...

The Town of Avon is seeking citizen input on several important upcoming issues. We are mailing surveys to our citizens on a Harry A. Nottingham Park Master Plan as well as a general Community Survey. If you receive either of these surveys, please take the time to respond. Your input is crucial to ensuring that Avon continues to grow and redevelop according to its residents' wishes.

If you do not receive a Park Master Plan Survey, as survey participants are randomly selected, you may go to www.avon.org/parkplan and enter your comments online. If you do not receive a Community Survey, there are many venues in which citizens may give their input. You may attend a Town Council meeting and give input on any topic during the citizen comment period at the start of every Town Council meeting or you may email the Mayor and Town Council with any concerns, questions, or comments you have on town issues. Email address is avoncouncil@avon.org. Mailing address is: Avon Mayor and Council, PO Box 975, Avon, CO 81620.

*10 Recreation Center 5-Pass Punchcards will be raffled off to participants completing the Community Survey. Be sure to complete your survey!

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The Avon Ambassador is a publication by the Town of Avon Manager's Office for the residents of Avon. Residents are encouraged to submit comments, ideas and suggestions for the newsletter.

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GET OUT AND VOTE!

On Tuesday, May 6, 2008, the Town of Avon will hold a special election to amend the Town Charter regarding the sale, exchange, lease or disposal of municipally-owned real property.

All registered Avon voters may vote between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Avon Municipal Building at 400 Benchmark Road in Avon.

For information on absentee ballots or other voting related questions, please contact Avon's Town Clerk, Patty McKenny, at 748-4000 or pmckenny@avon.org.

The official ballot question and additional information can be found online at www.avon.org/vote.

Avon Amends 2006 Comprehensive Plan to Include Attainable Housing Goals

On March 25, 2008, the Avon Town Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 08-08, a Resolution to amend *Topic Area F, Housing*, of the Town of Avon Comprehensive Plan (pages 52-55). The amendment modifies the language of the goals and policies contained within the Housing Topic Area in order to provide acceptable methods of mitigating the need for attainable housing generated by development. The additional detail added to the Comp Plan includes references to calculations for Residential and Commercial Linkage tied to new development applications for rezoning, acceptable methods of attainable housing mitigation and provides Council the discretion to implement mitigation rates on a project-by-project basis. The purpose behind this approach is to ensure that attainable housing mitigation is applied to the highest extent possible and is derived with full consideration of all other public benefits provided by any proposal found to be subject to the criteria for a rezoning or PUD application.

The amended section, *Topic Area F, Housing*, of the Comp Plan can be downloaded at www.avon.org/compplan.

HARRY A. NOTTINGHAM PARK MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC DESIGN WORKSHOP #2

The Town of Avon invites you to the second Public Design Work Session for the Harry A. Nottingham Park Master Plan. The Public Design Work Session is an opportunity for residents and users of the park to directly participate in the process. Attendees will work with the design team on developing ideas for potential future improvements.

Come design Your park!

TOWN OF AVON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
www.avon.org/parkplan

JOIN THE FUN! UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Avon's Big Air Shootout: May 15 – July 15

Get excited about Avon's Whitewater Park and compete for huge cash prizes! Whitewater enthusiasts, go to the park anytime, dawn to dusk between May 15 and July 15 and take a video of the trick you perform the best. Be sure and capture *Bob the Bridge* in your video to confirm you are in Avon's park. Then upload your video to www.vaildaily.com. At the end of the eight week competition the winning videos (male and female categories) will be chosen by a jury and awarded \$2,500 each in cash!

Nottingham Lake Fishing Derby: Sunday, June 15

Children under 15 are invited to get out and enjoy free fishing by entering in the annual Father's Day Fishing Derby at Nottingham Lake. A limited supply of FREE fishing poles are available and prizes will be awarded in various categories! The fun will wrap up with a free lunch. Event Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa Salute to the USA: Thursday, July 3

Over 10,000 shells explode in the sky above Avon during Colorado Rockies largest firework display! But that's not all... enjoy a live concert with the band Black Hawk, Family Zone, food vendors and the most prestigious fireworks display in the state! The concert and children activities begin at 5:00 p.m. The grand finale fireworks display kicks off at 9:45 p.m. over Nottingham Lake. Event Time: 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

American National Bank's Lakeside Cinema: Friday, July 25 & August 1, 8, 15, 22

Grab your friends and family and come out Friday evenings to Harry A. Nottingham Park to enjoy free movies outdoors on the big screen! The feature film will start after the sun goes down (around 8:30 p.m.). Come early to enjoy pre-movie activities such as a scavenger hunt, local bands, paddle-boating or bring a picnic. Seating is on the grass field so bring a lawn chair or blanket and sit back, relax and enjoy! Event Time: 7:00 p.m. until end of movie.

Plum TV's Dunk-n-Dash: Monday, July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11

An exciting biathlon series! Athletes can register for one event or for the entire series. Swimmers in the Dunk-N-Dash can opt to make one or two 800-yard loops around the Nottingham Lake. The 5K run starts and finishes at the Lake's pump-house. Event starts at 6:00 p.m.



Father's Day Fishing Derby.

Get Fit with Avon's State-of-the-Art Equipment

Need a little motivation to get fit? Check out Avon Recreation Center's new state-of-the-art Precor cardio equipment! The Recreation Center has installed nine new ellipticals, two new climbers, seven new treadmills and two Adaptive Motion Technology (AMT) machines. Avon Recreation Center is the only exercise facility in Eagle County where you will find the AMT. All of these machines incorporate cutting-edge technology and have their own flat panel TV and satellite radio.



An added benefit is that all the new equipment will help the Avon Recreation Center reduce its carbon imprint. Precor is not only the world's leading sports equipment company, but is recognized as a model of environmental health and safety practices. Precor has received numerous awards for its "green" practices, including efforts to recycle and reduce waste, elimination of a hazardous waste stream and all halogenated fluids, and its work to prevent source pollution whenever or wherever possible.

"You can come to the Avon Recreation Center for a workout that makes you feel good about yourself and the environment!" said Danita Chirichillo, Fitness Supervisor.



Construction on Avon's New Lake Street Begins in April

Starting in mid-April, construction on Avon's new Lake Street will begin as part of an overall improvement project to Avon's West Town Center. This new road will run through the Avon Recreation Center's current parking lot and proceed south between Avon's Municipal Building and the Fire Station and will cost approximately 4.5 million to build.

The new Lake Street will have sidewalks built on both sides, angled parking, and a temporary Recreation Center parking lot immediately east of the building. Also included are landscape and streetscape improvements involving new trees, plantings, lighting, bus stops, seating areas and other landscape elements. The centerpiece of the project will be the plaza at the intersection of Lake Street and the future Main Street. This plaza will contain decorative paving material, seating areas and tree islands. The plaza, a critical public gathering place, will be the western terminus of Main Street, the eastern portal into Nottingham Park and a future special event location.

By implementing the project in two phases, the town is making every effort to reduce impacts during construction to the best extent possible.

Getting Around During Phase I (April - August 2008)

Phase I includes the northern half of the project, from roughly West Beaver Creek Blvd to the current volleyball court location.

- All access to the area will be from the south entrance of Benchmark Road. Access from West Beaver Creek Blvd is closed.
- Falcon Point, Beaver Creek West and Lakeside Terrace condominium residents and visitors will need to utilize the entry/exit on West Beaver Creek Blvd.
- Sheraton Mountain Vista, new Recreation Center Parking, and the Avon Library can be accessed from the existing south entrance of Benchmark Road.

Getting Around During Phase II (August - October 2008)

Phase II involves roughly the south half, from the current volleyball court location to the railroad.

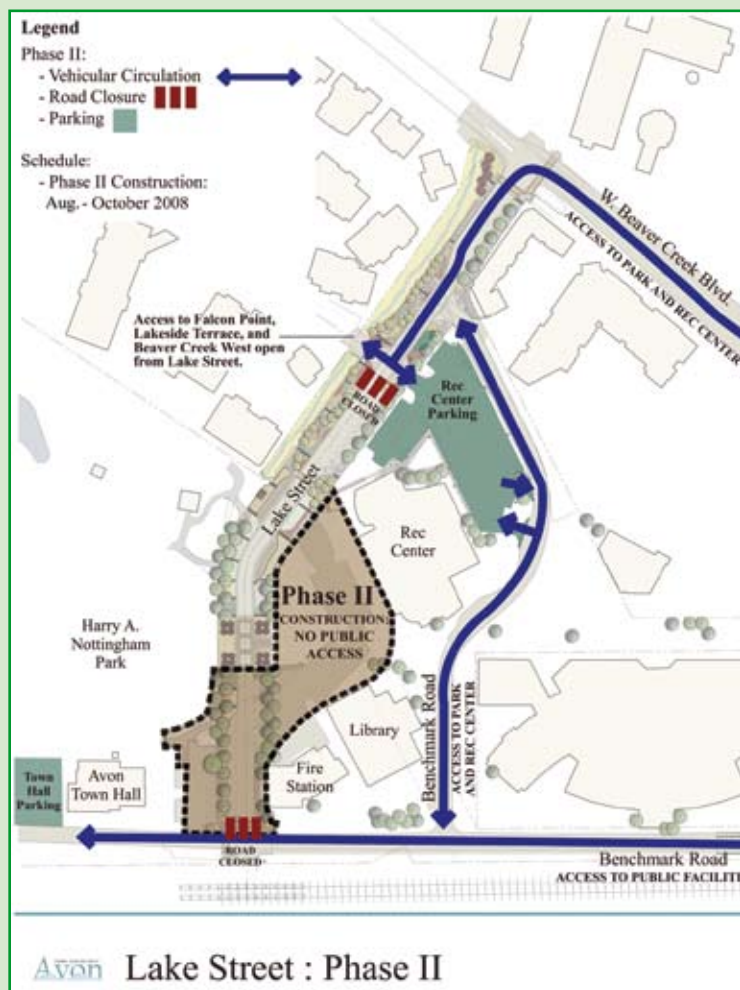
- Access to the Recreation Center and Harry A. Nottingham Park will be from either the north (West Beaver Creek Blvd) or from the south (existing Benchmark Road between the Seasons and Avon Library).

Where to Park

- **Phase I** – existing Recreation Center and Park Parking lot south of the Recreation Center, new Recreation Center parking lot (open June 2008), and Municipal Building parking lots are all open.
- **Phase II** – new Rec Center parking lot will be the only public parking during this phase. Access to the Municipal Building will be limited, as the west lot will be the only available parking. Park visitors are encouraged to park in the new Recreation Center lot to lessen interference with municipal operations.

Lake Street is a critical step in realizing the vision of the Avon West Town Center Plan, creating a sustainable, transit-oriented 'live-work-play' community in the heart of Avon and revitalizing the town core. The Town of Avon appreciates public patience and cooperation during these temporary construction inconveniences.

More detailed scheduling information and road closure dates will be made available. Please visit www.avon.org/lakestreet for project information and sign up online for email notification of construction updates. For questions or concerns about the project, please contact Jeffrey Schneider at 748-4134.



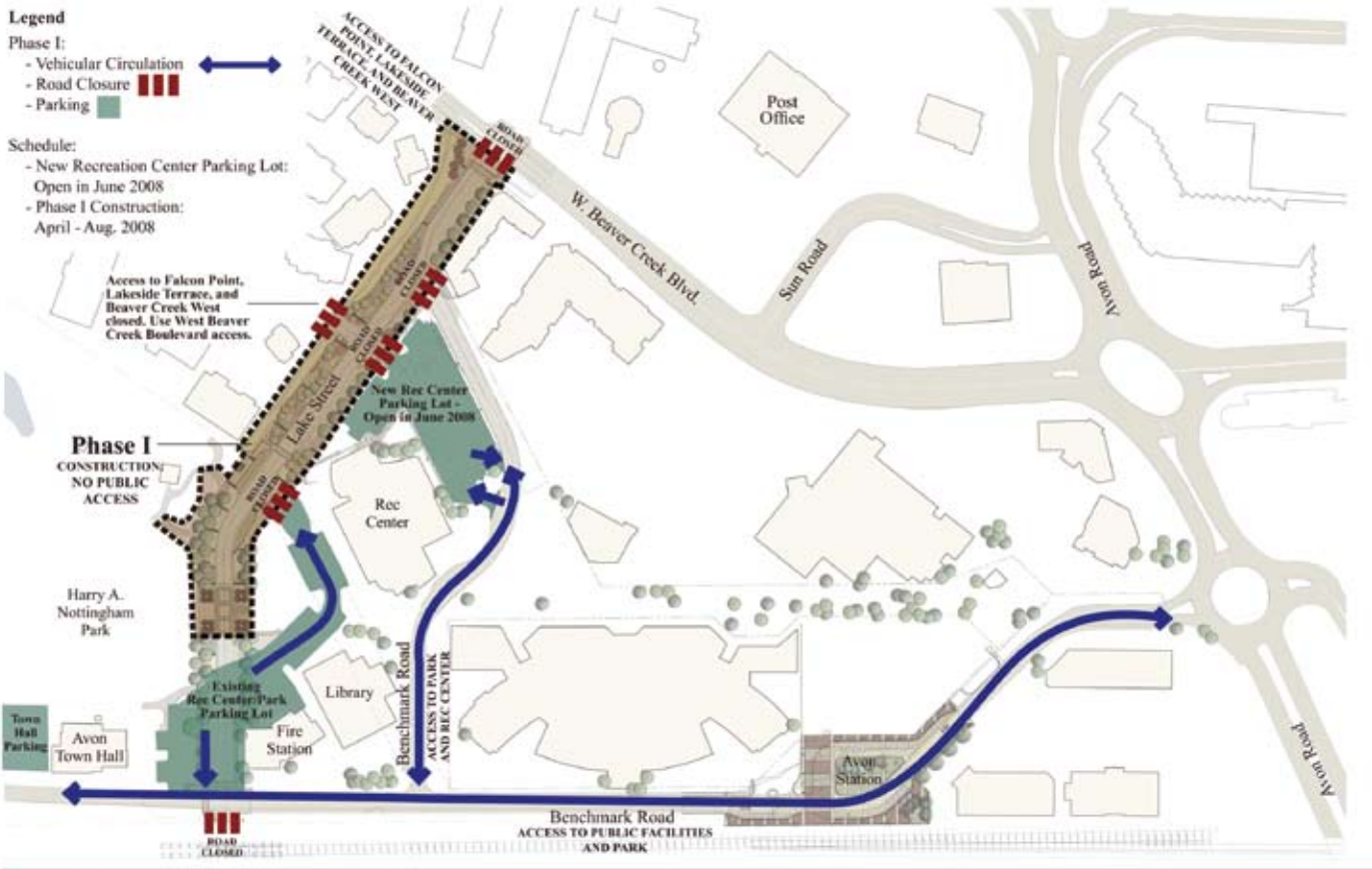
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Phase I:

- Vehicular Circulation 
- Road Closure 
- Parking 

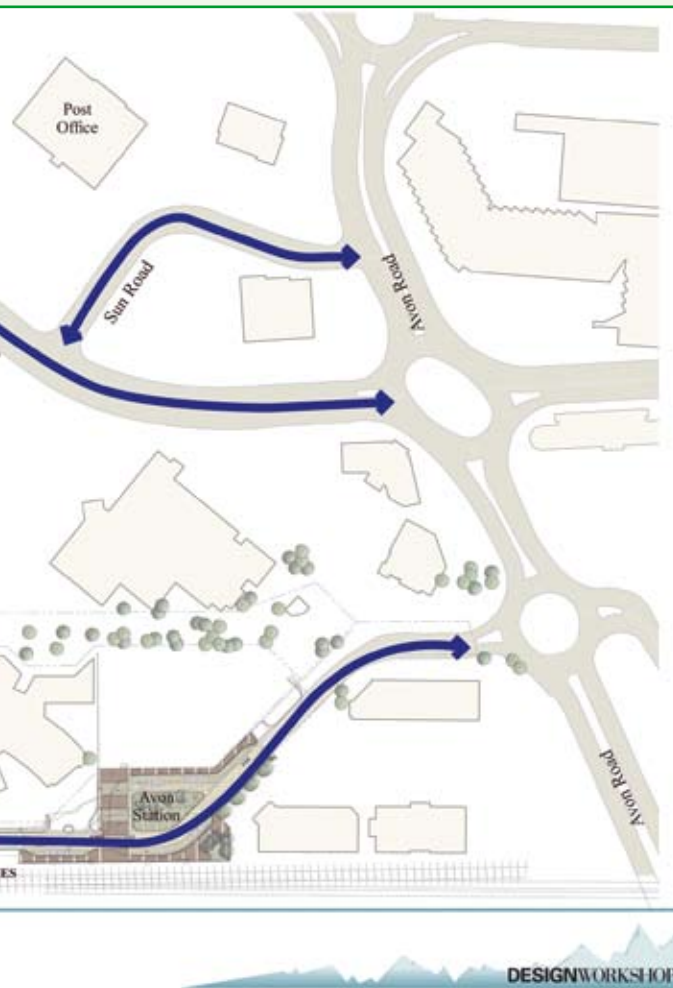
Schedule:

- New Recreation Center Parking Lot:
Open in June 2008
- Phase I Construction:
April - Aug. 2008



Avon Lake Street : Phase I

DESIGNWORKSHOP



DESIGNWORKSHOP



Computer rendering of completed Lake Street.



Computer rendering of Lake Street and West Beaver Creek Blvd.

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint: Avon Walks the Talk

As a mountain and recreation-based community, Avon has a close connection with the environment and understands that nature's health and well-being is one of the town's most valuable assets. Therefore, reducing Avon's carbon footprint is one of the town's priorities.

Working on implementing both small and large steps to help meet its goal of a 30 percent carbon footprint reduction by 2020, Avon has moved quickly from talk to action. Below are a few of the exciting renewable energy initiatives undertaken by Avon:

- **Climate Action Plan** – The town hired SGM to evaluate Avon's carbon footprint and recommend ways to reduce its impact on the environment. In October 2007, SGM completed its report and offered many suggestions for reducing our carbon output.
- **Fuel Efficient Vehicles and Buses** – Avon currently owns three hybrid gasoline-electric Ford Escapes and has one more on order. In addition, in December the town put into service three high-efficiency buses, a hybrid bus and two high-efficiency diesel, which are on average 80% more fuel efficient than 2006 and older buses and should help to reduce Avon's carbon dioxide output and fuel bills.
- **100% Wind Powered** – In January 2008, Avon began purchasing 100% of its electricity in the form of wind power. Avon will purchase approximately 2,050 blocks of wind power per month, resulting in an average unit cost of \$0.096/kw-hr with a total annual cost of about \$61,000. While the cost for wind power is about 28 percent higher than the standard power product, and about 20% higher than wind credits, the town feels this an important step to reduce its own carbon footprint and demonstrate leadership to other citizens and municipalities.
- **Avon Recreation Center Energy Audit** – The Climate Action Plan showed the Recreation Center to be the biggest energy consumer of the town's buildings. In February 2008, an energy audit was conducted by The Colorado Governor's Energy Office (GEO). The GEO Report included several action items, such as lighting upgrades, door changes and improved insulation, among others. The town is evaluating these recommendations and plans to implement those that are most feasible now and look at implementation of some of the larger recommendations at the time of a future Recreation Center expansion.
- **Wastewater Heat Recovery System** – Avon is partnering with the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District to assess the viability of building a wastewater heat recovery system that could be used to snowmelt new West Town Center streetscape or pre-heat pool water. This project is innovative in both its concept and its approach and would result in economic benefits to both agencies. If used for snowmelt, an after-project operation savings of about \$100,000 per year is estimated for Avon.
- **Solar Energy** – Avon has installed solar-activated street lights and solar-powered bollards. In 2008, a new solar powered bus shelter will be constructed on Lake Street.

There are still many big issues and obstacles to tackle as Avon continues to "go green," such as how to fund these initiatives, how stringent should building code standards be, and many other unanswered questions. However, the town is making a concerted effort to do what it can as soon as it can. "Governments as a whole are one of the largest energy consumers in the world," said Jennifer Strehler, Avon's Public Works and Transportation Director. "We have a unique opportunity to lead by example in a way that positively impacts climate change."

Finding sustainable solutions to our energy use is not only needed to help minimize climate change, but will benefit the residents of Avon by saving taxpayer money in the long-term, improving community livability, building the local economy and creating jobs, improving air quality and public health, creating a legacy of leadership, and adding distinction to our town character.

For more information on this topic, please visit www.avon.org/environment.

Small Steps that Matter

In looking at the recommendations from Avon's Climate Action Plan, we found that the town already has several carbon-reducing practices in place. Below are just a few of the small things that we do every day that make a difference:

- Promote transit-oriented development to reduce fuel consumption
- Promote development of attainable housing for local live-work arrangements
- Plant native turf and drought tolerant landscaping
- Maximize use of non-irrigated ground covers (e.g., bark, cobbles)
- Optimize irrigation run times
- Conduct routine HVAC maintenance to maintain efficiencies
- Purchase products with recycled content
- Recycle used scrap metal, motor oil, paper and plastics

Meet Your New Police Officers

The Avon Police Department would like to introduce its newest team members. The following employees have recently been hired or promoted:



New officers being sworn in.

Sergeant Jonathan Lovins

– Sgt. Lovins has been with the Avon Police Department since 2002 and was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is a member of the SWAT team and the Department's Counter Terrorism and Robbery Prevention instructor.

Sergeant Robert Sheehan – Sgt. Sheehan was a member of the Mesa, AZ Police Department since 2001, where he was a field training officer and a Counter Terrorism Officer. He was recently hired as a sergeant.

Officer Steven Huberty – Officer Huberty recently retired from the Buffalo, MN Police Department after 21 years of service. He served their department as a patrol officer, detective and sergeant. He is a certified instructor in use of force, firearms and defensive tactics.

Officer Elizabeth Hudson – Officer Hudson recently retired after 29 years of service with the Aurora Police Department. She served as a patrol officer, CSI and detective investigating robbery, homicide, fraud and sex offenses. She is a past vice-president of the Colorado Woman in Criminal Justice Association and a member of the International Association of Police Women.

Officer Phillip Florio – Graduated from the Pueblo Law Enforcement Academy in December of 2007. Phillip received an honorable discharge after serving six years as a scout in the United States Army.

These employees have over 62 combined years of law enforcement experience and over 24 years of undergraduate education.

Join Avon Police's National Night Out

Have some fun and join your neighbors at Avon Police's National Night Out parties on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

National Night Out is in its 25th year and provides an opportunity for citizens and law enforcement personnel to increase crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Avon Police are encouraging Avon residents to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors, bring their lawn chairs and join the party!

The Avon Police will be hosting parties at the O'Neil Spur Park in Wildridge, in the Aspens Mobile Home Park and on Eagle Bend Drive. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. and will have free food, live music, activities for children and great raffle prizes.

Please volunteer to assist with the parties by contacting Krista Jaramillo of the Avon Police Department at 748-4040 or kjaramillo@avon.org.



2007 National Night Out Party.

Spring Is Here: Please Be Bear Aware

Bears are beginning to wake up from their long winter naps. The Avon Police Department would like to remind all residents and guests about the Wildlife Protection Ordinance.

Everyone needs to be conscientious about the Wildlife Ordinance within Avon. Regular refuse containers may be placed curbside at or after 6 a.m. the morning of pickup. Wildlife-resistant and wildlife proof containers may be placed curbside 6 a.m. the day before pickup. All containers must be re-secured in an appropriate manner before the end of the same day. Regular containers must be kept within a fully enclosed and secured structure.

Feeding wildlife is also prohibited. This means that any garbage, refuse or food matter cannot be left out; for example, food product, pet food, grain or salt. Also between the dates of April 15 and November 15, all bird feeders must be suspended on a cable or other device so they are inaccessible to bears and the area below the feeder must be kept free from the accumulation of seed debris.

Request Services Online

Visit the Avon Police Department's new website at www.avonpolice.org to request personalized services such as:

- **Patrol Request** - Complete the online form to request police to focus on a certain issue in your neighborhood such as speeding, vandalism or any other police issue. A police officer will be assigned to the issue and will contact you if desired.
- **Vacation Watch** - Complete the online form to request police to watch your home while you are on vacation.
- **Parking Pass** - Complete the online form to obtain a pass to park on the street for driveway construction or when hosting a party at your home.
- **Classes** - Register online for classes such as Drug Recognition for Parents, Consequences of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and False Identification Recognition.