

News from Avon Township

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July 11th, the day I'm writing this contribution for *The Enterprise*, is World Population Day. The world population today is about 7.7 billion. A rather hefty number, eh?

Guess how many people live in Avon Township? Answer: 2,333.

The answer comes from the Minnesota State Demographic Center. It is their job to “continuously gather and develop demographic data relevant to the state” and to serve as “official liaison to the US Census Bureau [to assist with] education, outreach, and promotion related to each decennial (10-year) census.”

Every year we receive a population estimate from the Center. The most recent data for Avon Township come from 2018. To see all of our population data, visit our website (avontownship.org/). There is a link to a table and graph in the first paragraph of the home page.

The Minnesota State Demographer also tells us that there are 811 households in Avon Township. This means that there is a little less than three people per household.

The population in the Township was about 800 until 1960 when there was marked spike for reasons that are not clear to me. The population grew relatively rapidly from 1960 until about 1990, when it slowed somewhat. In the past 20 years, the rate of growth has been slow but steady.

So, why does Minnesota monitor our population? The main reason is that it is very useful in planning and making decisions about where to build roads and provide community services and where to invest public resources.

Speaking of planning, the Township has begun a review of our Comprehensive Plan. If you are interested in getting involved, come to the next Planning Commission meeting (July 31).

On a completely different subject, we encourage residents to remove your garbage can from the end your driveway after it has been emptied. Empty cans often make their way into the road and can be a significant hazard for motorists.

Finally, don't forget that Township residents are welcome to use the City of Avon compost facility on Angelfish Avenue. For more information, visit the City of Avon website.