

All About Avenal!

This brochure contains all the resources available to the Residents of Avenal

@CityofAvenal

@AvenalPD

Community Resources

Free Sandbags

Residents of Avenal are allowed bags of sand when anticipating stormy weather, available for self-pickup outside the Avenal Veteran's Hall. **108 W. Kings Street.**

Free Compost

Free compost is available for self-pickup across the Community Center site on Hydril Road.

Non-Potable Well-Water Access

Residents have access to non-potable well water available for local construction and irrigation by the Sports-Complex. **Please visit City Hall for more information.**

KCAO Utility Assistance

The Kings County Action Organization provides support for Avenal Residences facing difficulties with past and present utility bills and service disconnections. **Please call (559) 582-4386 for more information.**

First Time Home Buyers Program

The City of Avenal offers first-time home buyers zero-interest, deferred payment loans as secondary mortgage financing to help make homeownership more affordable. **For more information, please call the Self Help Enterprise Office at (559) 651-1000.**

Waste Disposal Services

For the refuse schedule, please visit the City of Avenal website.

Bye Bye Mattress

Bye Bye Mattress Program allows residents to dispose of clean and in-tact mattresses free of charge at the Avenal Landfill. **Please scan the QR code for more info.**

Free Fluid and Battery Disposal

Dispose of used vehicle oil, fluids, and batteries free of charge at the nearest O'Reilly Auto Parts. **Please scan the QR code for more info.**

Free Green Waste Disposal

Residents can dispose of organic green waste for free at the Avenal Community Center on Hydril Road. Green waste includes grass, leaves, and tree trimmings. Please no palm leaves, large branches, stump food scraps, or trash!

Clean Avenal Voucher

Residents who can provide a Utility and ID with matching name and address have access to 3 trips to the Avenal Landfill for residential trash only at the Waste Connections Facility every year. **Please call (559) 386-5766 for more info.**

Parks & Facilities



Floyd Rice Park

Equipped with two playgrounds, a basketball court, restrooms, two covered pavilions (available for rent), picnic tables, and barbecue pits. **Located on Park Ave and Monterey Streets.**



Sports Complex

Equipped with recreational soccer fields, two softball diamonds, three pavilions (available for rent), playground equipment, an exercise course, horseshoe pits, and restrooms. **1 Sports Way.**



Neighborhood Park

The Avenal Neighborhood Park located on 500 E. Ventura Street has a playground area, water, sand box, a musical area, and a basketball half-court for kids to enjoy. **500 E. Ventura Street.**



Skate Park

This facility has skating equipment, bleachers, a picnic table, bike rack, and is landscaped. **320 E. Tulare Street.**

Rental Facilities



Recreation Center

This building is utilized for larger general purpose events. Equipped with a kitchen. Home of the Avenal Tech Center. **717 E. Monterey Street.**



Avenal Theater

This building is used for larger events with an emphasis on visuals. Includes the Avenal City Council Chambers. Equipped with a kitchen, meeting room, stage, and two screen rooms. **233 E. Kings Street.**



Veterans' Hall

This building is used for larger social events. Houses the senior center and nutrition program. Equipped with a kitchen and stage. **108 W. Kings Street.**

Recreation Department:

sjverdugo@cityofavenal.gov

alara@cityofavenal.gov

(559) 836-3457

Parks & Facilities

Boxing Club

Home to Olympic Boxer *José Ramírez,* this facility is soley used for boxing. It is equipped with boxing and training equipment. It has a half kitchen, restrooms, and locker rooms. **328 E. San Joaquin Street.**



Wonderful Fitness Court

The fitness court offers various equipment for residents to participate in calisthenic workouts, and even offers a web-based app for workout regimes. **Located next to Kings Boxing Club.**



Elliot/Skyline Park

Equipped with a bench and stunning view of Skyline and Diablo Range landscape, 60 foot pine trees encapsulating two 12'x16' high resolution foot digital sign, military recognition, and ample shading for casual social gatherings. **Located at the Corner of Skyline Blvd. and Route 269.**



Parks & Facilities



Community Garden

The Melissa G. Whitten, Humble Beginnings Community Garden provides a stress free organic garden with outdoor restrooms, irrigation for individual planter boxes, and ADA Complaint planter boxes. **324 E. Tulare Street. Please apply online or at City Hall.**



Rotary Pop-Up Park

Utilizing Tactical Urbanism, the Rotary Pop-Up park is open to the community for small social gatherings and city events. **253 E. Kings Street.**



Community Center

Currently under construction, the Avenal Community Center will contain a gym, indoor soccer and basketball courts, a certified kitchen, and a banquet hall for rentals. **1284 Hydril Road.**

Upcoming 2025 Events

April 12 - *Easter Egg Hunt*

Take part in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Floyd Rice Park, complete with food, music, and games!

MAY 3-4 - *Old Timers Day*

Celebrate the unique history of Avenal and take a tour of Tar Canyon and the Discovery Well that founded Avenal!

June 28 - *Community Independence Day*

Eat, play, and watch the Independence Day fireworks over Floyd Rice Park!

October 17-19 - *Pistachio Festival*

Join us for our Annual multi-day Pistachio Festival in Downtown Kings! Games, food, music, ice cream, oh-my!

November 1 - *Día De Los Muertos*

Come celebrate Día De Los Muertos with music and live performances on Kings Street!

November 27 - *Community Thanksgiving Dinner*

No Thanksgiving plans? No problem! Stop by Veterans Hall for a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner!

December 6 - *Holiday Magic*

Participate in our annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting from Downtown Kings to Skyline!

Summer Activities

Summer Kidz Spot

Register your children ages 8+ for Summer Kidz Spot held at the Recreation Center! Program runs June 15 – July 31. **Contact Anna Lara for more information.**

AHS Summer Aquatics

Beat the summer heat with a dip in the community pool at Avenal High School! **Contact the RSUSD District office for more information.**

City of Avenal Summer Internship

Are you or someone you know enrolled in higher education? Are you interested in local government or contributing to your community? Apply for the paid Avenal Summer Internship where you can experience hands-on what each department of Avenal does and your role in the community! Applications open to AHS alumns online May 2025.

City of Avenal Summer Staff

Looking for a summer gig? Like giving back to your community? Look no further than the City of Avenal Summer Staff positions and get to be a at the center of Avenal's best events!

Permitting and Code

Yard Sales

Residents are allowed 3 yard sales per year with appropriate permits. Please visit City Hall to apply.

Commercial Parking Permit

Semi truck parking is allowed in sections of Kings and Tulare street with a special permit. Please visit City Hall with your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

Building Permits

Most construction work requires a permit and additional inspections, with some exceptions. Common permits include front-fence encroachment permits, roof permits, and porch/patio permits. Please contact the Community Development Department for more information.

Business Licenses

Before opening a new business in Avenal, you are required to apply for a Business License and can only engage in business you are licensed for. Please contact the Finance Department for more information.

Dog Licenses

All dogs must be registered with the City of Avenal to avoid fines. All dogs must have proof of up to date rabies vaccination, and unaltered dogs will impose an additional fee.

Civic Engagement

Avenal City Council

Avenal City Council meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:15pm** in the Avenal Theater, and streams to the City of Avenal Facebook Page and City of Avenal Youtube Channel.

Avenal Rotary Club

The Avenal Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at Restaurante La Carreta in Avenal at 5:30pm to plan and organize community events and festivals, such as the annual Old Timer's Day.

Avenal Historical Society

The Avenal Historical Society meets once a month to maintain the Avenal Museum and the historical records it holds. Meetings typically take place at the Avenal Museum - **600 E Fresno St.**

Volunteering Opportunities

Aside from local non-profit organizations like Rotary Club, the City of Avenal is always looking for volunteers for various city events. For more information about volunteering opportunities, please contact the Avenal Recreation Department.

Food Distributions

The City of Avenal and Avenal Rotary Club hold food distributions every 4th Wednesday of every month at the Veteran's Hall for community members. Please contact City Hall for more information.

Permitting and Code

Weed Abatement

Throughout the year, residents are required to follow weed abatement codes to help keep Avenal clean and reduce fire risk. Please contact Code Enforcement for more information.

Water Conservation

Residents are to follow California State Water Conservation Regulations. Enforced regulations include only using water hoses with an attached nozzle to reduce waste. Scan the QR code for more information.

Abandoned Vehicles

Abandoned vehicles are not permitted to be within public view. Abandoned vehicles include vehicles with flat tires, broken windows, cobwebs, vehicles that have not been moved for an excessive amount of time, or have been in a wreck and are not in repair.

SB 1383

New California waste management laws require facilities to reduce food waste. To help comply, please visit City Hall for a free food waste bucket.

Department Contacts

Avenal Police Department

The goal of APD is to create and maintain a safe, secure environment for community members, businesses, guests and travels within the City.

Contact Information:
Cecilio Velasco - *Chief of Police*
Phone: (559) 386-4444
Tip Line: (559) 401-9576
Emergency: 911

City Clerk

Responsible for the preparation, execution, and archiving of all City Council documents.

Contact Information:
Maria "Angie" Ortiz - *City Clerk*
Phone: (559) 401-9879
E-mail: cityclerk@cityofavenal.gov

Community Development

Consists of planning and zoning, economic development, housing programs, and assistance with building permits.

Contact Information:
Janett Ceja - *Building Assistant*
Phone: (559) 401-9879
E-mail: jceja@cityofavenal.gov

Utility Billing

Committed to helping residents get access to City-provided utilities.

Contact Information:
Yolanda Cabral - *Office Manager*
Phone: (559) 386-5766
E-mail: ycabral@cityofavenal.gov

Animal Services

Avenal Animal Shelter

The Avenal Animal Shelter operates 7am to 4pm Monday - Friday for maintenance, voucher pickup, and pet redemptions. For appointments or complaints during business hours, call **(559) 633-3115**. Adoption hours are available 1pm to 3:30pm, or by appointment. For after-hours emergencies, please call **(559) 816-9338**.

Alteration and Microchip Vouchers

The Avenal Animal Shelter provides vouchers for low-cost spay, neuter, and microchipping services. Vouchers can be picked up from City Hall or the Animal Shelter.

TNR Programs

The Avenal Animal Shelter conducts Trap, Neuter, and Release studies on feral stray cats in the community. For more information, please call (559) 633-3115.

Volunteering Opportunity

The Avenal Animal Shelter is open for volunteers on the 2nd and 4th weekend of the month. Volunteers must schedule ahead of time. Volunteers can expect to help with feedings, kennel clean up, and pet play time.

Fines for Violations

Pets picked up by Animal Control will be taken to the shelter, and a fine must be paid before the pet can be released.

Department Contacts

Finance Department

Responsible for the management of all city finances, budgets, and business license applications.

Contact Information:
Brian Arellano - *Finance Manager*
Phone: (559) 386-5766 ext. 104
E-mail: finance@cityofavenal.gov

Code Enforcement

Responsible for enforcement of local codes, resolutions, permits, and licenses.

Contact Information:
Jose "Lupe" Chavez - *Enforcement Officer*
Phone: (559) 386-5766
E-mail: lchavez@cityofavenal.gov

Animal Control

Responsible for patrolling and keeping stray pets off the streets.

Contact Information:
Raul Valadez- *Animal Control Officer*
Phone: (559) 401-5163
E-mail: rvaladez@cityofavenal.gov

Human Resources

Administrative services responsible for recruitment, labor relations, and staff development.

Contact Information:
Griselda Price - *Director of Admin Services*
Phone: (559) 401-9266
E-mail: gprice@cityofavenal.gov

Partner Resources

Kings County Behavioral Health

Kings County Behavioral Health builds programs that empower individuals and their families to achieve sustained well-being from mental illness and addiction, providing services for youths, veterans, and adults, as well as various hotlines for mental health support.

Contact Information:

Phone: **559-852-2444**

24/7 Mobile Crisis Line: **(559) 247-HELP**

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **988**

Local Warm Line: **1-877-306-2413**

Kings View

Kings View aims to provide community behavioral health and social services to those with limited resources, including mental health and drug and alcohol programs, TelePsychiatry, and services for adults with mental disabilities.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 256-0100**

2-1-1 Kings County

211 serves as an informational tool to find local public resources and services from government, community and non-profit organizations. Find help with food, housing, child care, job training, mental health and many more local services available in Kings County. Call or visit www.211kingscounty.org.

Contact Information:

Phone: **211**

Partner Resources

Court-Ordered Community Service Hours

he City of Avenal Public Works Department is available for those who need to complete court-ordered community service hours.

Superior Court of Kings County Self-Help Center

The Self-Help center staff assists individuals who do not have an attorney. The staff can assist in-person, by email, or telephonically with completion of legal forms, such as annulment, divorce, and elder abuse cases. Please visit *kings.courts.ca.gov/self-help* for more information.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 582-1010** / Option 8

Email:
kingsselfhelpcenter@kings.courts.ca.gov

Central California Legal Services

Central California Legal Services is a private, not-for-profit, public interest law firm established for the purpose of providing free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals, families, organizations, and communities. For more information, visit *centralcallegal.org*.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(800) 675-8001**

Partner Resources

Valley Voices Food Distributions

Every 2nd Friday of the month, Valley Voices distributes food to those in need at the Floyd Rice Park. First come first serve.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 530-3778**

Kings County Job Training Office

The Kings County Job Training Office (JTO) is a collection of access points to match potential workers with available jobs, and assist workers to gain the skills needed to succeed in today's workplace.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 852-4932**

Avenal Adult School

Hybrid and ESL classes for obtaining high school credits are available for free to residents in the RSUSD district. Please contact the office for more information.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 386-1369**

Family Engagement Center

The RSUSD Family Engagement Center works to pair students, adults, and families to local county services and academic resources.

Contact Information:

Phone: **(559) 717-0405**