AVON SENIOR CENTER



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See our newsletter online at: https://www.avonct.gov/senior-center

Senior Center Coordinator's Message Happy Spring!! Hope you're enjoying the weather, appreciating the season change and the sun staying out longer. I know I am!

YVY

Administrative Professionals Day is April 24, it's an extra special day to celebrate, honor, recognize and acknowledge Elizabeth! She's awesome and does a great job. Please THANK her!

Thank you Volunteers for all the great things you do for the senior center. We could not do it without your help & support! We appreciate you. Volunteers: Jodi & Dayna -Tuesdays/Thursdays for our Congregate Meal program, Barbara Durham and Steve Guthrie-program set-up and general help, Interns Annebel & Sophia help our seniors, Fresh Start Friends (Focus Center on Autism)-lunch on Tuesdays & programs every other Friday, Favarh Brighter Days-ies, "Flower Friends" make beautiful table arrangements with fresh flowers on Tuesdays, Paul and Dave work & help out, Jim Martino delivers donations & food. Thank You volunteers!

Avon Police Department is hosting National Prescription Drug Take Back day on Saturday 4/27/24 from 10 AM-2 PM at Avon Senior Center.

Please enjoy your days, stay connected, reduce stress, get outside- if you can, celebrate and participate in life. We're here for you! Thank you!

Take care, Jennifer Bennett, LMSW, CDP Dementia Friend & Dementia Champion



THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS IS WORTH MORE THAN THE **GRANDEST INTENTION.**" - OSCAR WILDE

Earth Day 2024 Theme **Planet vs. Plastics**





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Our Mission Statement

Avon Senior Center supports the social, educational, recreational, cognitive, physical and psychological needs of all older adults. We respect the diversity of all who enter and you will find a warm greeting here. We are committed to offering an open and welcoming space to everyone. We strive to enhance the quality of life for all older adults.

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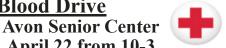
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Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Mention the word Medicare & you're likely to get a confused look in return. Father/Daughter Team of Lou and Jessica Pelletier will sort through the Parts (A-Hospital; B-Physician & Outpatient Coverage; D-Drug Coverage), review the pros/ cons of Medicare Supplement Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans. Learn about IRMAA (Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount), Medicare Savings Programs, a Medical Power of Attorney, Social Security Options and how to protect your assets from nursing homes without having Long-Term Care

Insurance. Join us if you are a senior, a child of a senior, or just want to know more. <u>PelletierSeniorPlanning.Com</u> Sponsored by the Avon Senior Center and the Avon Free Public Library. Please register with the Library so that we can set up the room with appropriate spacing.

Blood Drive



American **Red Cross**

April 22 from 10-3 Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ASC to schedule an appointment.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County



Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screening VNHLC will be providing FREE Screenings 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 11:30-1:00.

Monday Meals & Minds Program

Bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center with an educational & informational opportunity for learning. The program will stimulate the mind, promote social inclusivity & connectedness. We will increase social integration, decrease social isolation through nutrition & learning. Program is open and welcoming. SIGN UP REOUIRED. Meal at 12:00 pm & program afterward

Monday, April 1, 2024 at 12:30 pm Musical Performance by Sheri Ziccardi Sheri is a professional singer and musician who is well versed in various types of music. We enjoy having her here. Her melodic voice is amazing!

Monday, April 15, 2024 at 12:30 pm **Dining Out with the Dietitian** Join Jessica Dorner RD for an interesting and informative presentation about how to find betterfor-you options when going out to eat. This presentation will cover several local restaurants and give you realistic examples of delicious meals to enjoy. Attendees will get informational handouts to take home.

> Monday, April 29, 2024 at 12:30 pm Program

\$1.00 Donation requested, more appreciated This program is grant funded through NCAAA (North Central Area Agency on Aging), Town of Avon ARPA Funds and is sponsored and hosted by Avon Senior Center.



Bridge Group

Avon Senior Center has a contract/social Bridge Group on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Please contact the Senior Center if interested.

Mah Jongg Group

Looking for players. Join them on Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00!



FREE Monthly Hearing & Hearing Aid Checks Nicholas Wills of Home Hearing will be here to check your hearing and hearing aids and fix them. Thursday, April 25, from 10-12.



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<u>Free Tax Assistance Offered by</u> <u>AARP Tax-Aide at Avon Senior Center</u>

 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax assistance to middle & low income taxpayers from February 7-April 10. Special attention is given to those 50+.
<u>Appointments required.</u> For information or schedule appointment, call Avon Senior Center 860-675-4355.

In scope tax returns: AARP volunteers are trained to assist taxpayers to file Form 1040 and other common schedules and forms. More complex or unusual tax returns may be out of scope and volunteers are prohibited from assisting tax payers with them.





Presentation: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:00 am Avon Senior Center 860-675-4355

Spain's Classics- Collette Tours November 1-12, 2024 (12 days, 16 meals) Price: \$4299 per person (double) including airfare from NYC





"And one has to understand that braveness is not the absence of fear but rather the strength to keep on going forward despite the fear."

AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES

<u>Tai Chi</u> Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (no class May 15) Fee: \$56.00 Non Resident Fee: \$61.60

Zumba Gold

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (no class May 15) Fee: \$67.00 Non Resident Fee: \$73.70

Senior Fee: \$60.30

March 27-May 29

April 1—May 20

Senior Fee: \$63.90

March 27-May 29

Senior Fee: \$50.40

<u>Zumba/Cardio Beats</u> Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$71.00 Non Resident Fee: \$78.10

Badminton

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (no class May 14) Fee: \$59.00 Non Resident Fee: \$64.90

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Non Resident Fee: \$64.90

Badminton

(no class May 15) Fee: \$59.00 Senior Fee: \$53.10

March 26—May 28

March 27—May 29

Senior Fee: \$53.10

For more information about registering, classes and setting up your account, please visit: https://avonct.myrec.com/





"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

J.K. ROWLING

COURAGE ISN'T HAVING THE STRENGTH TO GO ON — IT IS GOING ON WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE STRENGTH.

- NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE

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Avon Senior Center 3rd Monday of the month 7:00-8:30 pm



NAMI Family Support Group: peer-led for adults with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. *Free, No therapy/ treatment endorsed. Confidential*



988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 call/text/chat access to trained crisis counselors who help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, mental health crisis, or emotional distress. Contact 988 if worried about a loved one who may need support. Free & confidential.

Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

Aims to reduce the number of injuries & deaths due to home fires by providing free fire safety education & free smoke alarms. Call: 877-287-3327 option 1 or visit: www.redcross.org/local/ connecticut/home-fire-safety-visit.



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Silver Sneakers Chair Classes Avon Senior Center 1:00-2:00 pm on Thursdays Join us for a fun workout! Free

with Silver Sneakers or \$3.00/ class. Call Nancy 860-515-1200.



CRT Lunch at the Avon Senior Center

Come and enjoy lunch at the Avon Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. CRT (Community Renewal Team) sponsors a lunch program at the Avon Senior Center where you receive a hot, nutritious and health conscious meal. Printed menu offered each month & reservations are required by calling the Senior Center the day before by 12:00 noon at 860-675-4355. Suggested \$3.00 donation for persons 60 years of age and over & a mandatory \$10.36 if you are 59 years of age and under. The lunch program is open to all seniors in the Town of Avon as well as surrounding towns. Come join us and make new friends. See menu below:



TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
2	Potato Crumb Fish Tartar Sauce Potato Wedges/Ketchup Mixed Vegetables Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit	4	Orange Juice Chicken Scampi Smashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Brownie
9	Orange Juice Asian-Style Chicken Fried Rice Asian Blend Vegs Wheat Dinner Roll Cinnamon Roll	11	Baked Fish w/ Tartar Sauce Rice Broccoli Normandy Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit
16	Beef & Bean Chili Shredded Cheese Sour Cream Baked Potato Capri Blend Vegs Cornbread Loaf Yogurt Cup	18	Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Five Way Veg Blend Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit
23	Crabcake w/ Tartar Sauce Hamburger Bun Sweet Potato Wedges Ketchup/ Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	25	Veg Soup/ Saltines Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lettuce/Tomatoes/Ham/ Swiss Cheese/Carrots/ Egg/ Ranch Dressing Cookie
30	Fruit Punch Stuffed Pepper w/ Italian Sauce Confetti Rice Italian Mix Vegs Bread Stick Pudding		Please be advised that our food may have come in contact or contain pea- nuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs, wheat, shellfish, ses- ame or fish. Please advise staff of any food allergies prior to meal consump- tion!

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