



Senior Center Coordinator Message

Happy February to All My Senior Center Friends! Hope you are well, healthy, happy and warm! We are enjoying ourselves at the senior center and it's all because of you! Woo! Hoo!!

This month we celebrate & honor Black History Month! Check out our bulletin boards for pictures & famous quotes. Please feel free to contribute.

Our Thankful Tuesdays & Gratitude project is where we write down positive things, things we're grateful for, thankful for, accomplishments, kind words, things we're proud of & things that make us happy. We're collecting these for the entire year and we'll go through them in December so we can celebrate what a great year we have had!

Thank you to our Blanket Brigade for making fleece blankets for people in need. Last month, we made about 20 blankets! We are always accepting fleece and yarn donations.

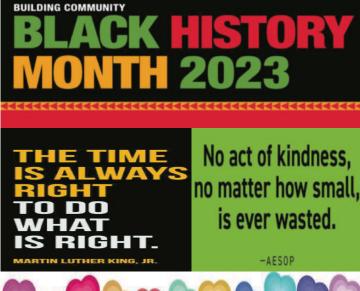
Let's take good care of ourselves and keep spreading friendship, compassion and kindness!

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



of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.







Monday Meals & Minds Program

Monday Meals and Minds is a bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center and an educational and informational opportunity for learning. The program will stimulate the mind and promote social inclusivity and connectedness. We will increase social integration and decrease social isolation through nutrition and learning. This program is open, welcoming and FREE. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED. ****Meals at 12:00 & program at 12:30****

This program is grant funded through NCAAA (North Central Area Agency on Aging) and is sponsored and hosted by Avon Senior Center.

> Monday, February 6, 2023 Valentine's & Friends Celebration

Monday, February 27, 2023 Dementia Questions Answered

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Senior Medicare Patrol 1-800-994-9422 www.smpresource.org

PROTECT, **DETECT**, **REPORT**. Help with fraud, errors, abuse, questions, concerns, complaints.

Free Tax Assistance Offered by AARP Tax-Aide at Avon Senior Center

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax assistance to middle & low income taxpayers from February 8 through April 12. Special attention is given to those 50 and older. Appointments are required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Avon Senior Center at 860-675-4355.

<u>In scope tax returns:</u> 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.

What to bring:

Face Mask, phone and writing instruments.

Photo ID and proof of Social Security numbers for all household members.

Complete copy of last year's tax return, including all source papers.

Personal check showing bank account and routing numbers (if direct deposit or debit is requested).

All tax forms, including but not limited to:

SSA-1099, Social Security Statement 1099-R for pensions, IRA's and annuities 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-MISC)

W-2, Wage and Tax Statement

W-2G Certain Gambling Winner Forms

Form 1444 – Notice of Economic Impact Payment

Unemployment Forms 1099-G must be printed out prior to appointment

All documents that relate to deductible expenses

Evidence of cash charitable donations, even if you will not be itemizing

Stimulus payments documents

Documentation of cost basis of assets sold



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, February 23 from 10-12.



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AARP Fraud Watch Network: identity theft, investment fraud & scams. www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or 1-877-908-3360 https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/passwordmanager-identity-protection.html

Watch Your Credit Reports: www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228, Protect Your Mail: www.dmachoice.org & www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1 (888) 5-OPT-OUT.

Do Not Call Registry: www.donotcall.gov or call (888) 382-1222

VOA|ReST (resilience, strength, time) helps people affected by scams through discussion groups. Online & Confidential. www.aarp.org/fraudsupport.

The Perfect Scam

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Interested in Cornhole (Bean Bag Toss), Badminton, Billiards– please let us know. We have the equipment and the space, just bring you!

3-13 CARD GROUP

Tuesdays at noon. Join us! New players welcome. Easy to learn & fun to play.



Caregiver Support Group

Avon Senior Center is looking to offer a Caregiver Support Group, please let us know if you are interested. Please call 860-675-4355.

<u>CRT CONGREGATE MEAL</u> Community Café/Lunch Program IN-PERSON AT SENIOR CENTER Tuesdays and Thursdays Please call to sign up at 860-675-4355.

Blood Drive Avon Senior Center February 13, 10:00-3:00



American Red Cross

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

AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES

<u>Tai Chi</u> Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$66.00 Non Resident Fee: \$72.60

Virtual Zumba Gold Mondays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. (no class 1/16, 2/20) Fee: \$74.00 Non Resident Fee: \$81.40 Senior Fee: \$59.40

Jan. 11—March 22

Jan. 9—March 27

Senior Fee: \$66.60

Jan. 11—March 22

Senior Fee: \$72.00

Jan. 10—Feb. 28

Senior Fee: \$48.60

Zumba Gold Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$80.00 Non Resident Fee: \$88.00

<u>Badminton</u> Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$54.00 Non Resident Fee: \$59.40

Badminton Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fee: \$43.00 Non Resident Fee: \$47.30

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

Badminton

Fee: \$54.00

Jan. 25—March 1 Senior Fee: \$38.70

Jan. 12—March 2 Senior Fee: \$48.60

Non Resident Fee: \$59.40 For more information about registering, classes and setting up your account, please visit:

https://avonct.myrec.com/info/



Receive Emergency Updates from the Town of Avon!



<u>SUBSCRIBE</u> - (https://www.avonct.gov/subscribe).

"Town Alerts" & "Town News and Announcements"

<u>CT ALERTS</u> - Critical emergency information:

(https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert)



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Town of Avon Food Pantry and Mobile Foodshare Info



Jan Jan Feb Feb

Avon Food Pantry Church of Saint Ann, Lower Level 289 Arch Road, Corner of Route 167 & Arch Road The Avon Food Pantry is open Tuesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am *Except when Avon Public Schools are closed for bad weather*

Mobile Foodshare

Free produce available to persons in need in the Farmington Valley. Farmer's market distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, perishables & more.

> Alternate Tuesdays - 10:00am - 10:30am 2023 Upcoming Dates *Except when Avon Public Schools are closed for bad weath

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*****Please bring your own bags!*****

Mobile Foodshare Avon Site: The Farmington Valley American Muslim Center 35 Harris Road



<u>Renters' Rebate Program</u>

If you are 65 or older or totally disabled and your annual income is \$40,300 or less if single, and \$49,100 or less if married, you are eligible for a rebate from the State of CT. Filing period is April 1 - October 1, 2023. Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-409-4335.

Still | Rise

BY MAYA ANGELOU

You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns, With the certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops, Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you? Don't you take it awful hard 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you? Does it come as a surprise That I dance like I've got diamonds At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame I rise Up from a past that's rooted in pain I rise I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide, Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise

I rise.

CT Energy Assistance Programs

State of CT helps pay primary heating bills. Eligibility: household meets federal poverty or state median income guidelines. Applications accepted September 6, 2022-May 31, 2023. Please call Avon Social Services at 860-409-4346 to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment.



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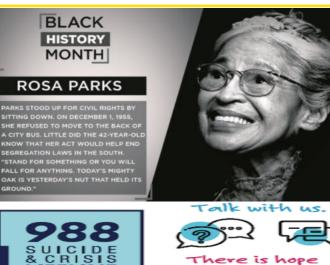
AVON ACES WII BOWLING TEAM <u>NEEDS YOU!</u>

We practice and play on Tuesday mornings. We would love to have you be a part of our team! Please contact Avon Senior Center at 860-675-4355.

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*



<u>988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline</u> offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other emotional distress. People can contact 988 if they are worried about a

loved one who may need support. Free & confidential.

<u>E-mail List</u>

Please send an email to: eshaffer@avonct.gov requesting to be added to the newsletter email list.



AVON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Card Group- Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Scrabble- Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Knitting- Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Setback- Wed & Fri at 1:00 p.m. Chess- Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Wii Bowl- Tuesdays 10-2 & various Beading Group- Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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. They offer a printed menu each month and reservations are required by calling the Senior Center the day before by 12:00 noon at 860-675-4355. The cost is a suggested \$3.00 donation for persons 60 years of age and over and a mandatory \$9.89 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 and join us and make some new friends. See menu below:

TUE\$DAY			THUR\$DAY			
	Rebuary	2	Yankee Pot Roast w/ Gravy Boiled Potatoes Carrots Rye Bread Fresh Fruit			
7	Chicken Marsala Egg Noodles Italian Blend Vegs Italian Bread Yogurt Cup	9	Quiche Wedge Seasoned Potatoes Vegetable Medley Rye Bread Fruit			
14	Orange Juice Baked Chicken Parslied Linguini Asparagus Garlic Knot Frosted Cupcake	16	Grape Juice Glazed Ham Sweet Potatoes Wax Beans 12 Grain Bread Pudding			
21	Meatloaf w/ Mushroom Onion Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Wholegrain Bread Fruit	23	Apple Juice Beef n Bean Chili on Baked Potato Mixed Vegs Cornbread Loaf Frosted Cake			
28	Roast Turkey w/ Gravy Cornbread Stuffing Glazed Carrots Cranberry Sauce Wheat Roll Fruit					
People will forget						

what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will Never forget how you made them feel.

MAYA ANGELOU

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FEBRUARY

SENIOR CITIZENS OF AVON ORGANIZATION 635 WEST AVON ROAD AVON, CONNECTICUT 06001

860.675.4355

President & Programs– Helen M. Toth Vice President & Cheer– Vivan Pane Treasurer - Barbara Schicker, Hospitality - Jean Pelletier & Vivian Pane Secretary - Marian Hurlbut

Message from the Board of Directors . . .

We hope that you are enjoying the winter months. Seems to be a mild winter thus far, let's hope it stays that way.

We look forward to seeing you in the Spring. The Board will be meeting to set up the next luncheon. If you have suggestions for entertainment, please let me know.

Also, we are looking for your feedback on future luncheon programs. Please call me with suggestions... Helen Toth at (860-225-7124).

We are in the middle of our membership drive. Please consider becoming a member of the Senior Citizens of Avon Organization. Membership is \$10 for the 2023 Season. Please see Barbara if you have any questions or call her at (860-404-5436).

Happy Birthday to the following Members: February 8th – Fran Hanley February 13th – Marie Evans February 24th – Carol DiGrazia February 29th – Rob Kowalski

Helen M. Toth

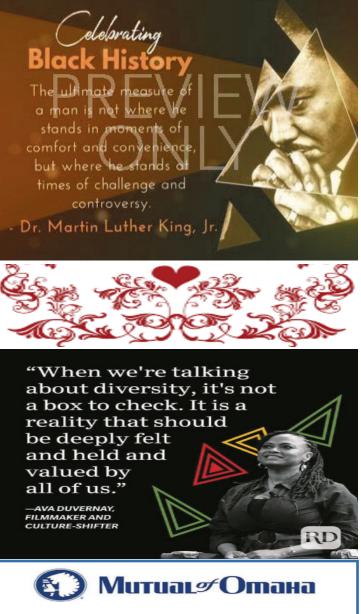
Senior Citizens of Avon Organization Everyone is Welcome – Reservations Required

FUTURE LUNCHEON EVENTS:

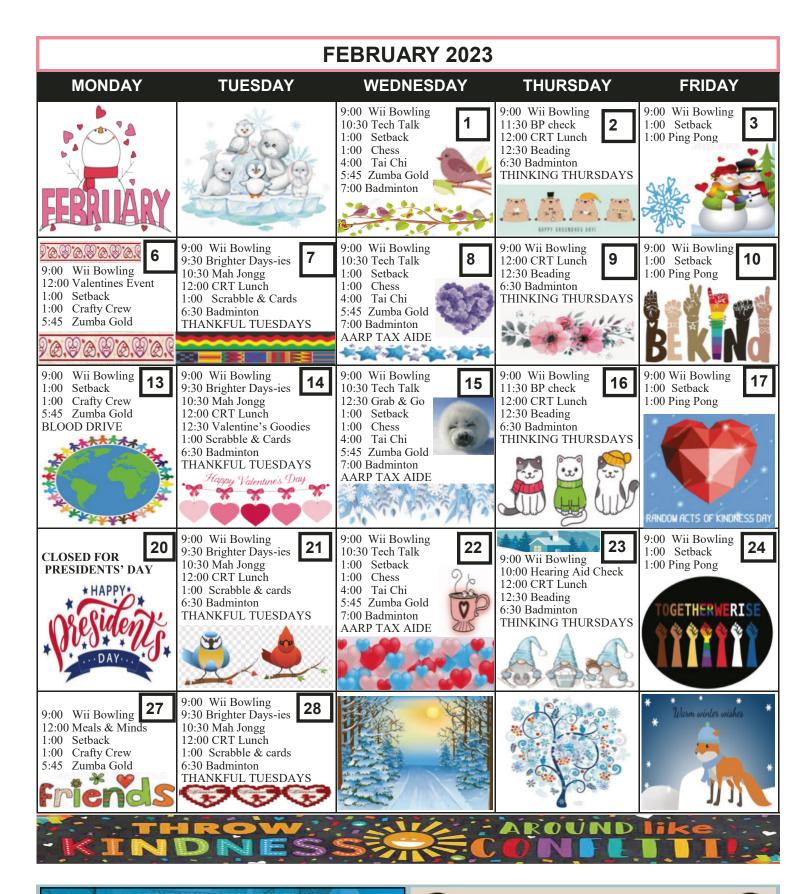
During the months of January and February we will be on Winter break. We will resume programs in March 2023. Enjoy the winter months. Please check this newsletter for updates.







<u>Money Matters with Mike Sloan-</u> Program focuses on HECM reverse mortgage (HUD sponsored & FHA insured product). <u>https://youtu.be/myYr3vTRphs</u> <u>Mutual Cares:</u> help seniors stay well, connected, active, entertained. (<u>https://cares.mutualofomaha.com/</u>).



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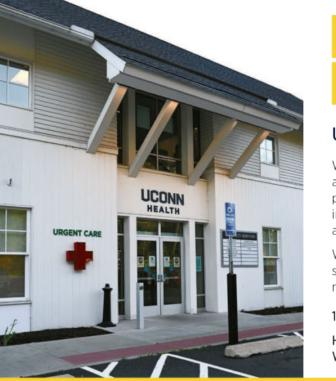
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