# **AVON SENIOR CENTER**



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**JUNE 2023** 

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



#### Senior Center Coordinator's Message

Happy June! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather & getting outside in the wonderful sunshine!

Avon Senior Center has so many fun events, activities, programs, classes and trips. Please check out the entire newsletter for information.

This month, we celebrate Father's Day! We celebrate PRIDE month with our LGBTQ+ and Ally population. Juneteenth-Freedom Day, a holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. If you have any questions or would like more information about any of these holidays or celebrations, please feel free to ask.

Thank you for coming to the senior center and participating in our programs. This month, we say goodbye to another fiscal year. It has been a fantastic year, we have had great programs and we're going to have many more. See you soon!

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



#### Monday Meals & Minds Program

Bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center and 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, welcoming and FREE. SIGN UP REQUIRED. \*\*Meals 12:00, program 12:30\*\*

Monday, June 19, 2023 Topic: TBD

Monday, June 26, 2023 Topic: TBD

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





Please call

**Rootbeer Floats** Tuesday, June 20 at 12:45 pm

**Arts & Crafts with Natalie** Wednesday, June 21- time TBD

**Ice Cream** Thursday, June 22 at 12:45 pm

Bingo Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 pm

Meals & Minds Monday, June 19 & 26 at 12:00 pm

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." Maya Angelou

Love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world. ~Deavita

**New Card Game-Euchre Meets every other Friday** at 2pm. **Contact Heidi:** heidi10359@aol.com





June 28, 2023 Wednesday 12:30 pm **RSVP** required.

Enjoy a delicious FREE Grab & Go Meal. Please drive up to the front door & we will hand you the meal. We look forward to seeing you! Sponsored by Avon Senior Center



Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 Join us making beautiful flower arrangements. Drop in, no sign-up necessary.







Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screening

1st & 3rd Thursdays from 11:30-1:00.



**Senior Medicare Patrol** 1-800-994-9422

www.smpresource.org

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#### **AVON ACES WII BOWLING TEAM!**

Join our team! Avon Senior Center at 860-675-4355.





MyPlaceCT.org: free web-based resource to help older adults and people with disabilities live with optimal independence, health and well-being. Bringing together the information you need to live how and where you choose. Sponsored by CT Department of Social Services in collaboration with partner state agencies and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

MyPlaceCT.org-offers information on these topics: Health & Well-being: Managing Chronic Disease & Pain, Preventing Falls, Medication Management, Geriatric Assessments, Holistic Health, Mental Health & Addiction, Memory Loss—and more!

Services & Supports: In-Home Care, Housing, Technology & Home Modifications, Meals & Groceries, Transportation, Social Engagement, Veteran Services, End-of-Life Planning—and more!

Learn: Plan for the Future, Assess Your Needs, Medicaid/Medicare, Financial Tools—and more!

Family Caregivers: Respite Services, Support Groups, Online Resources, Legal Matters, and more!

Hope is the courage to take one more step, to try one more time, to believe that things will get better.

YourPositiveOasis.com



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, June 29 from 10-12.











FV VNA will be providing FREE Screenings



## **AARP**

#### Fraud Watch Network

www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or 1-877-908-3360 https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/password-manager-identity-protection.html

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

The Perfect Scam: www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam

#### New Class at Avon Senior Center



#### **Welcome to Mah Jongg**

Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. & Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. June 14 - 23

Instructor: Karen Boyd

Learn the basics of American Mah Jongg. Mah Jongg is a tile game that can improve memory and sharpen the mind. The class will focus on the card including reading the card, categories, and switching hands as tiles are passed during the Charleston and picked during play. Class will also cover: the tiles, rules of the game and table rules. This beginners class includes a card with your registration.

Cost: Avon Residents: \$61.00
Avon Seniors (Age 60+): \$54.90
Non-Residents: \$67.10
Call Avon Senior Center to sign up
(860) 675-4355 or go to www.avonrec.com.



#### 3-13 CARD GROUP

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



#### **AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES**

#### <u>Tai Chi</u>

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. July 5—Sept. 6 Fee: \$61.00 Senior Fee: \$54.90

Non Resident Fee: \$67.10

#### **Virtual Zumba Gold**

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 3-August 28 Fee: \$67.00 Senior Fee: \$60.30

Non Resident Fee: \$73.70

#### **Zumba Gold**

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 5—Sept. 6

(No Class 7/19) Fee: \$67.00

Non Resident Fee: \$73.70

#### **Badminton**

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 27—Sept. 5

(No class 7/4) Fee: \$64.00

Non Resident Fee: \$70.40

#### **Badminton**

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 29-Sept. 7
Fee: \$70.00 Senior Fee: \$63.00

Non Resident Fee: \$77.00

#### **Line Dancing**

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. June 29—August 17 Fee: \$77.00 Senior Fee: \$69.30

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Non Resident Fee: \$84.70

#### **Mah Jongg**

Wed. & Fri. June 14—June 23

(W: 1:00-3:00, F: 10:00-12:00)

Fee: \$61.00

Non Resident Fee: \$67.10

For more information about registering, classes and setting up your account, please visit:

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

Blood Drive Avon Senior Center



**American** Red Cross

Senior Fee: \$54.90

Senior Fee: \$60.30

Senior Fee: \$57.60

June 16 & 28, 10:00-3:00

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

# 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) Town of Avon Food Pantry and Mobile Foodshare Inform



#### 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

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March 14 March 28 April 11 April 25 May 9

May 23 June 6 June 20 August 1

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

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

ans, a United Way Community Investment supported agency, openess Mobile Foodshave in many treess throughout Harderd and Tolland counties. Areas Social es, Gifts of Love, and the Aven-Cames United Way have collaborated with Foodshave to bring Mobile Foodshave to Aven.



#### Town of Avon Dial-a-Ride Application

https://www.avonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif151/f/ uploads/dial a ride info app.pdf

#### Renters' Rebate Program:

65+ or totally disabled, income \$40,300 or less (single), \$49,100 or less (married), rebate from CT. Filing period April 1 - Oct. 1, 2023. Please call Assessor's Office 860-409-4335.

"I love how summer just wraps its arms around you like a warm blanket."



Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site Along the Farmington River in Avon, CT

7:00 pm EST via Zoom

Free to attend. Register at www.avonctlibrary.info



## MARCH 23

The LIDAR Revolution in Earth Surface Mapping, presented by Will Ouimet, Assoc. Professor, Departments of Geosciences and Geography, Univ. of Connecticut. He will explain the techniques used by LIDAR for locating historic human settlements and land use patterns. LIDAR = Light Detection and Ranging using lasers for 3D scanning.

#### APRIL 20

Hunting and Fishing Techniques of the Paleoindian (tentative title), presented by Richard Boisvert, retired New Hampshire state archeologist, wh is very familiar with the discovery and analysis of the Brian D. Jones (BDJ) site and other Paleoindian sites in northern New England.

Paleoindian Sites, Site Patterning and Travel Corridors along the Southern Arm of the Champlain Sea, presented by Jess Robinson, Vermont State Archaeologist, Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, Barre, VT. He will compare and contrast Paleo sites in Vermont with the Brian D. Jones site in Avon.

Update on the scientific analysis of the Brian D. Jones (BDJ) site in Avon, CT 2019, presented by Eric Heffter, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT. His presentation will be 90 minutes with time after for Q&A. October is Archaeology Month in Connecticut!

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AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

Webinar series created by : Avon Historical Society, Avon Free Public Library, Avon Senior Center

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 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.

# Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.

- MARIO FERNÁNDEZ

**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.



Red Cross

#### E-mail List

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.

(for experienced players only)

Card Group- Tuesdays at 12:00 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-various

Wii Bowl- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & various

Beading Group-Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Pool/Billiards various

Euchre- Every other Friday at 2:00 pm

#### **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:

| TUE\$DAY |   | THUR\$DAY |  |  |  |
|----------|---|-----------|--|--|--|
|          | June  | 1         | Lasagna w/ Italian<br>Sauce<br>Italian Vegetables<br>Bread Stick<br>Fresh Fruit  |  |  |
| 6        | Stuffed Pepper<br>w/ Sauce<br>Pasta<br>Vegetable Medley<br>Wheat Bread<br>Fresh Fruit                                     | 8         | Baked Stuffed Fish<br>w/Tartar Sauce<br>Potato Wedges<br>Ketchup<br>Capri Vegetables<br>Garlic Knot<br>Fresh Fruit     |  |  |
| 13       | Vegetable Soup<br>Saltine Crackers<br>Tuna Salad<br>on a Kaiser Roll<br>Potato Salad<br>Tomatoes & Lettuce<br>Fresh Fruit | 15        | Fruit Punch Roast Beef w/ Gravy Seasoned Potatoes Peas & Diced Carrots Garlic Knot Frosted Cake                        |  |  |
| 20       | Potato Crumb Fish<br>w/ Tartar Sauce<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Broccoli Normandy<br>12 Grain Bread<br>Fresh Fruit             | 22        | Orange Juice<br>Italian Sausage with<br>Sauce<br>Parslied Pasta<br>Capri Vegetables<br>Wholegrain Bread<br>Fresh Fruit |  |  |
| 27       | Popcorn Shrimp<br>Potato Wedges<br>Ketchup<br>Coleslaw<br>Oatnut Bread<br>Fresh Fruit                                     | 29        | Glazed Baked Ham<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Vegetables<br>12 Grain Bread<br>Fresh Fruit                                      |  |  |



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## Dementia & Caregiving:

Focusing on the person while understanding the disease progression

- Are you caring for someone with dementia?
- Do you want to learn more about the progression of the disease and helpful communication tips?
- · Would you like to be able to recognize common behaviors & know how to respond?

#### Join us for a free 5-week Series:

Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm at Avon Senior Center

July 12th Session 1: Overview of dementia

July 19th Session 2: Basics of communication and understanding behaviors

July 26th Session 3: Safety and how to structure daily activities

August 2nd Session 4: Caring for the Care-Partner

August 9th Session 5: Community resources

\*Participants are encouraged to attend all 5 sessions.

#### PRESENTED BY:

Michelle Wyman and Patty O'Brian Dementia Specialists Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging

#### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

Please call Avon Senior Center HealthCare





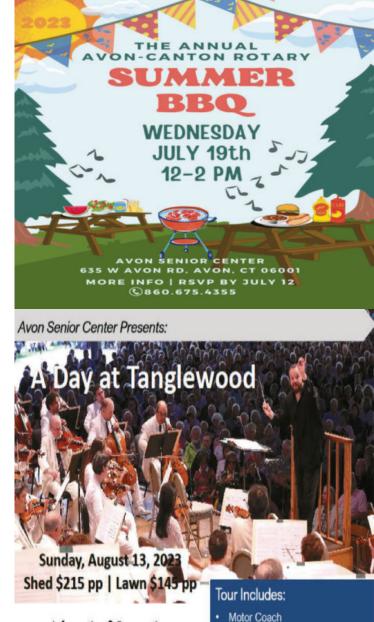
Center for Healthy Aging







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



#### Information & Reservations

**Avon Senior Center** Jennifer Bennett | 860.675.4355 635 West Avon Rd | Avon, CT 06001

Checks Payable: Tours of Distinction

\*Times are approximate. Subject to change.\*

Depart: 10:00 am, Avon Senior Center | 635 West Avon Rd | Avon, CT

Estimated Return: 6:30 pm. Avon

Trip Activity Level:

Lunch at Gateways Inn

All Gratuities to Driver

Admission to Tanglewood



What's better than spending some time with music and friends? Experience an inspiring concert at Tanglewood, which is the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops for over 75 years.

Enjoy a music filled afternoon as Andris Nelsons conduct the Boston Symphony Orchestra, featuring noted American Cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Today they will be playing Julia Adolphe, Makeshift Castle, co-commissioned by the BSO and Gewandhausorchestra; Cello Concerto No. 1 by Dmitri Shostakovich, and Petrushko by Igor Stravinsky.

Before the show, enjoy lunch on the lawn at Gateways Inn. Built in 1912, Gateways Inn has become an established landmark in historic downtown Lenox, Massachusetts. With its rich history steeped in Gilded Age grandeur, the property has served the Lenox community in several dynamic ways, currently as a leading Berkshires inn and restaurant. We will enjoy a classic soup and sandwich combo of: Heirloom Tomato Gazpacho, Tuna Niçoise Sandwich with Yellowfin Tuna. For dessert, a refreshing Raspberry & Lemon Sorbet served with Iced Tea, Lemonade, or water.

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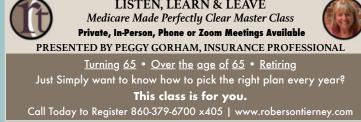














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To make an appointment, visit h.uconn.edu/request-an-appointment, or call 1-84-GET-UCONN (1-844-388-2666).



