

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



#### Senior Center Coordinator's Message

Happy March!! I know everyone is so excited for spring! The flowers, warmer weather, longer days and time outside! Enjoy the season changes and take time for yourself and each other.

March is National Social Work Month! Please say Hello and Thank You to our social work interns, Annebel and Sophia. They are MSW Candidates. We appreciate all that they do!

Our winter classes are ending and our spring classes are starting. Please be sure to sign up! We have great programs this month! Please read your newsletter and check the calendar!

We're looking to run trips (day, overnight, international), please let us know where you would like to go!

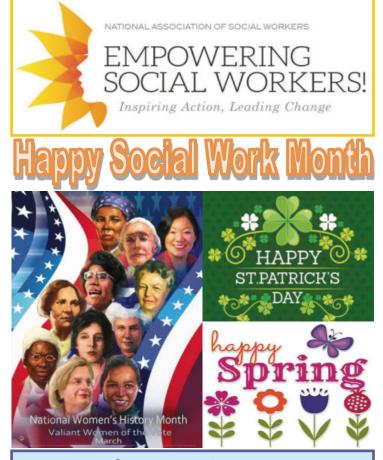
Thank you for coming to the Senior Center and being a part of what happens here. You're the reason why we do what we do– it's all for you! Enjoy this month.

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



"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

Jane Addams



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.

#### AVON SENIOR CENTER





Please call the senior center 860-675-4355 to sign up for all events.

**Fresh Start Friends** Friday, March 8 & 22, 2024 at 11 am Games, Trivia, Puzzles

**Coffee & Chat Intern Group** Friday, March 15 at 10 am Interns, Annebel & Sophia are running a group as part of their education. Come and enjoy some coffee/tea and chat.

Medicare & Beyond Presentation In-person at AFPL (Avon Library) Co-sponsored by Avon Senior Center 3/21: https://www.avonctlibrary.info/event/ medicareandbeyondmarch/

Strength Training for the Older Adult Friday, March 22 at 2 pm **University of Hartford Doctor of Physical Therapy Students** Presentation

Movie Monday– March 25 at 1:00 pm New Movie

Bingo: Tuesday, March 26 at 12:45 pm



Avon Senior Center March 25 from 10-3



American **Red Cross** 

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 REQUIRED. Meal at 12:00 pm & program afterward

> <u>Monday, March 4, 2024</u> Women's History/Social Work Month

Monday, March 11, 2024 wear green St Patrick's Celebration & Irish Music with **Tom Poland** 

**Monday, March 18, 2024 Shopping with the Dietitian** Join Jessica Dorner Registered Dietitian for a fun & informative presentation for National Nutrition Month! Jessica has experience as a retail RD, she will be sharing a virtual grocery store tour including tips on saving money, her favorite products, & much more. Attendees will get nutrition handouts and recipes to take home.

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



Progress comes from caring more about what needs to be done than about who gets the credit

Dorothy Height

#### **Bridge Group**

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

#### New Mah Jongg Group

New 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, March 28, from 10-12.



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#### 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 7-April 10. Special attention is given to those 50+.

Appointments required. 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. 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

Documentation of cost basis of assets sold

We are not social workers. We are contemplatives in the heart of the world.



#### AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES

<u>Tai Chi</u>	
Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.	March 27-May 29
(no class May 15)	-
Fee: \$56.00	Senior Fee: \$50.40
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 March 27-May 29

Senior Fee: \$60.30

<u>Mah Jongg</u>

 Wednesdays
 1:00-3:00 & Fridays
 10:00-12:00

 March
 13, 15, 20 & 21
 Senior Fee: \$61.00
 Senior Fee: \$54.90

 Non Resident
 Fee: \$67.10
 Senior Fee: \$54.90

**Badminton** 

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

Senior Fee: \$53.10

March 27—May 29

Senior Fee: \$53.10

March 26—May 28

Badminton

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (no class May 15) Fee: \$59.00 Non Resident Fee: \$64.90

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<u>Badminton</u> Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$64.00 Non Resident Fee: \$70.40

March 28-May 30 Senior Fee: \$57.60

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





Social Worker /'sōSHəl ,wərkər/noun

a remarkable individual whose power is to turn coffee into solutions, tears into smiles, and chaos into calm. Listens to your problems, finds you resources, and makes you feel like you're not alone in the world. Part therapist, part problem solver, and part superhero. Saves the world, one person at a time.

See also: difference maker, legend, warrior



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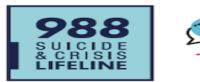
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**Avon Senior Center 3rd Monday of the month** 7:00-8:30 pm



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.

AVON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (for experienced players only) Mah Jongg - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (beginner/intermediate group) 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. Wii Bowl- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & various Beading Group- Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. Bridge- Thursdays at 1:00 Pool/Billiards-various Euchre– Every other Wed. at 2:00 p.m. 

#### CRT Lunch at the Avon Senior Center

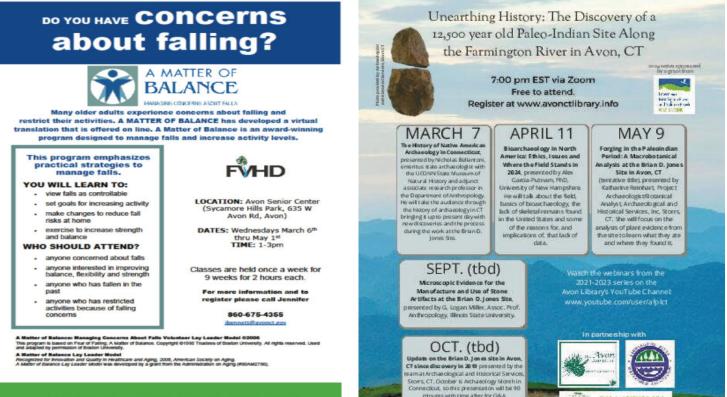
Come and enjoy lunch at the Avon Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. CRT (Community Renewal Team) sponsors a lunch program at the Avon Senior Center where you receive a hot, nutritious and health conscious meal. Printed menu offered each month & reservations are required by calling the Senior Center 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: 

#### **CRT LUNCH** TUESDAY THURSDAY Please be advised that our food may have come in contact or contain peanuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs, wheat, shellfish, sesame or fish. Please advise staff of any food allergies prior to meal consumption! **Orange Juice Sloppy Joes** Baked Cheese & Beef on Hamburger Bun Ziti Tater Tots Zucchini Squash Peas Garlic Knot Fresh Fruit **Frosted Cake** 14 12 Chicken Caesar Wrap: Grape Juice Grilled Chicken, Lettuce, Corned Beef **Parslied Boiled Potatoes** Caesar Dressing, Garlic Pesto Wrap Cabbage & Carrots Mustard/Mayo Rye Bread Potato Salad Cookie Fresh Fruit 19 21 Fruit Punch Oven Fried Chicken Meatballs w/Sauce Sweet Potato Wedges Pasta **Collard Greens Brussels Sprouts** Whole Wheat Bread Garlic Knot Fresh Fruit Cookie 28 26 Kielbasa / Mustard Chicken Rice Soup **Caramelized Onions** Salad Greens w/ Ham, Paprika Diced Potatoes Egg, Red Onions, Cherry **Capri Blend Vegetables** Tomatoes, Cucumbers Whole Wheat Bread Ranch Dressing Fresh Fruit **Bread Stick Fresh Fruit**

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**TABLESCAPES** 30 CREATIVE & ORIGINAL TABLESETTINGS

2-day fundraiser to benefit The AHS FRIDAY, MARCH 15 & SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Belle Ballroom, The North House, Avon, CT



## THE AVON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Expanded Tableware Tag Sale both days! Tickets: \$15 pre-show/\$20 at door Order tickets by calling 860-670-3225 online at: <u>www.avonhistoricalsociety.org</u>





Webmar series created by : Avon Historical Society, Avon Pree Public Library, Avon Senior Cente

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#### <u>Medicare & Beyond: in-person program at Library</u> *Thursday, March 21 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 so that we can set up the room with appropriate spacing.



<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,



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